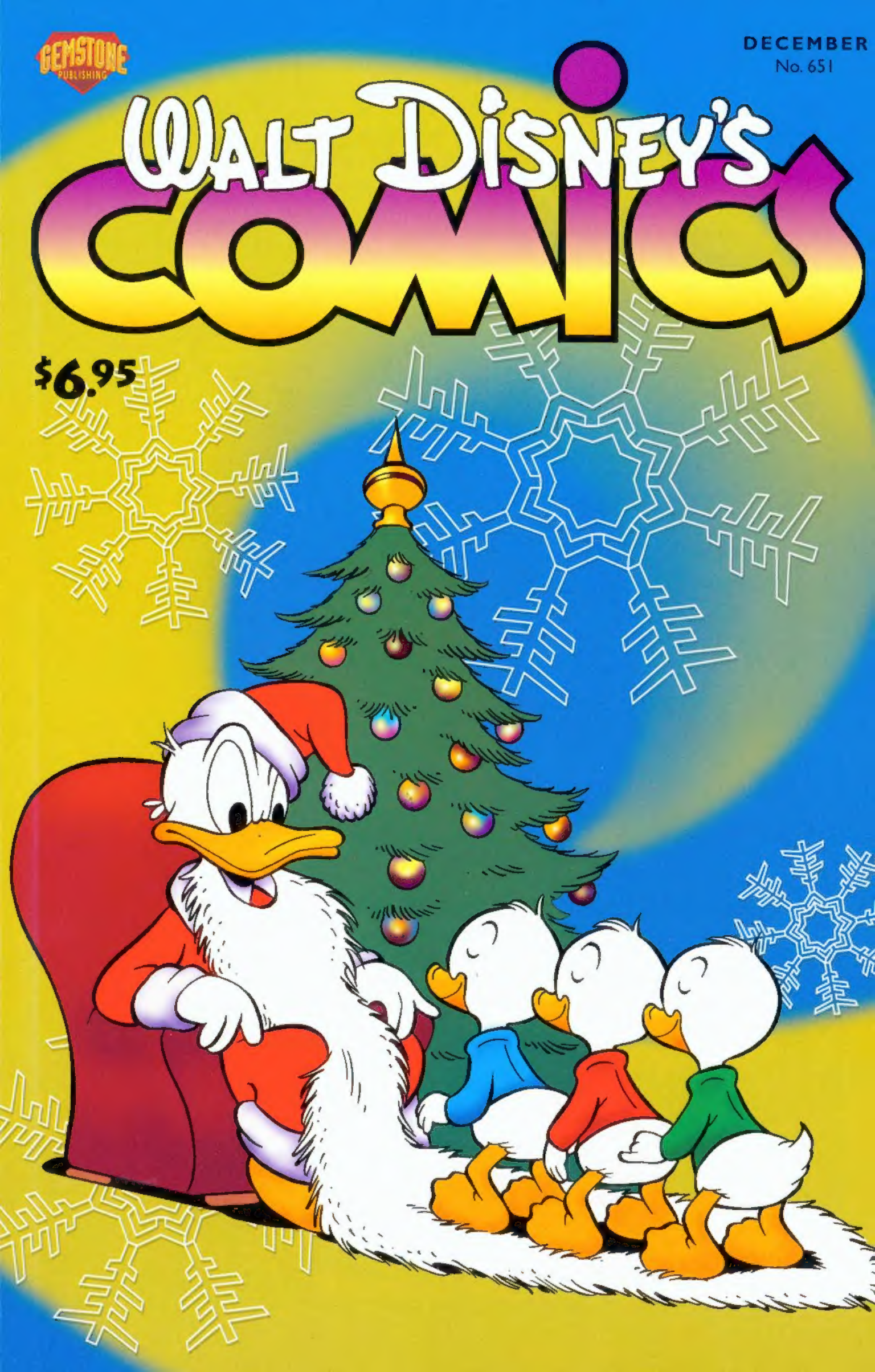
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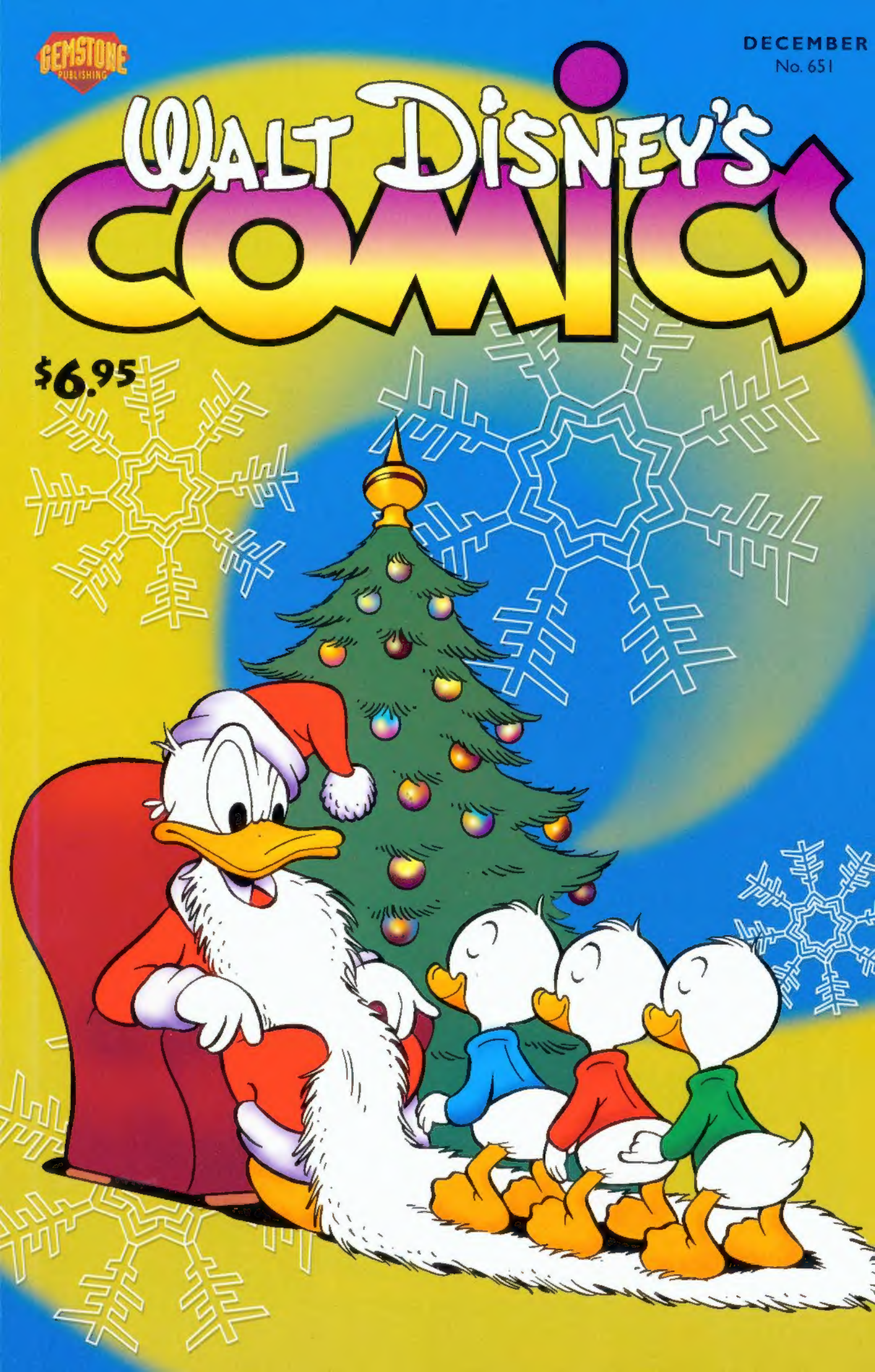
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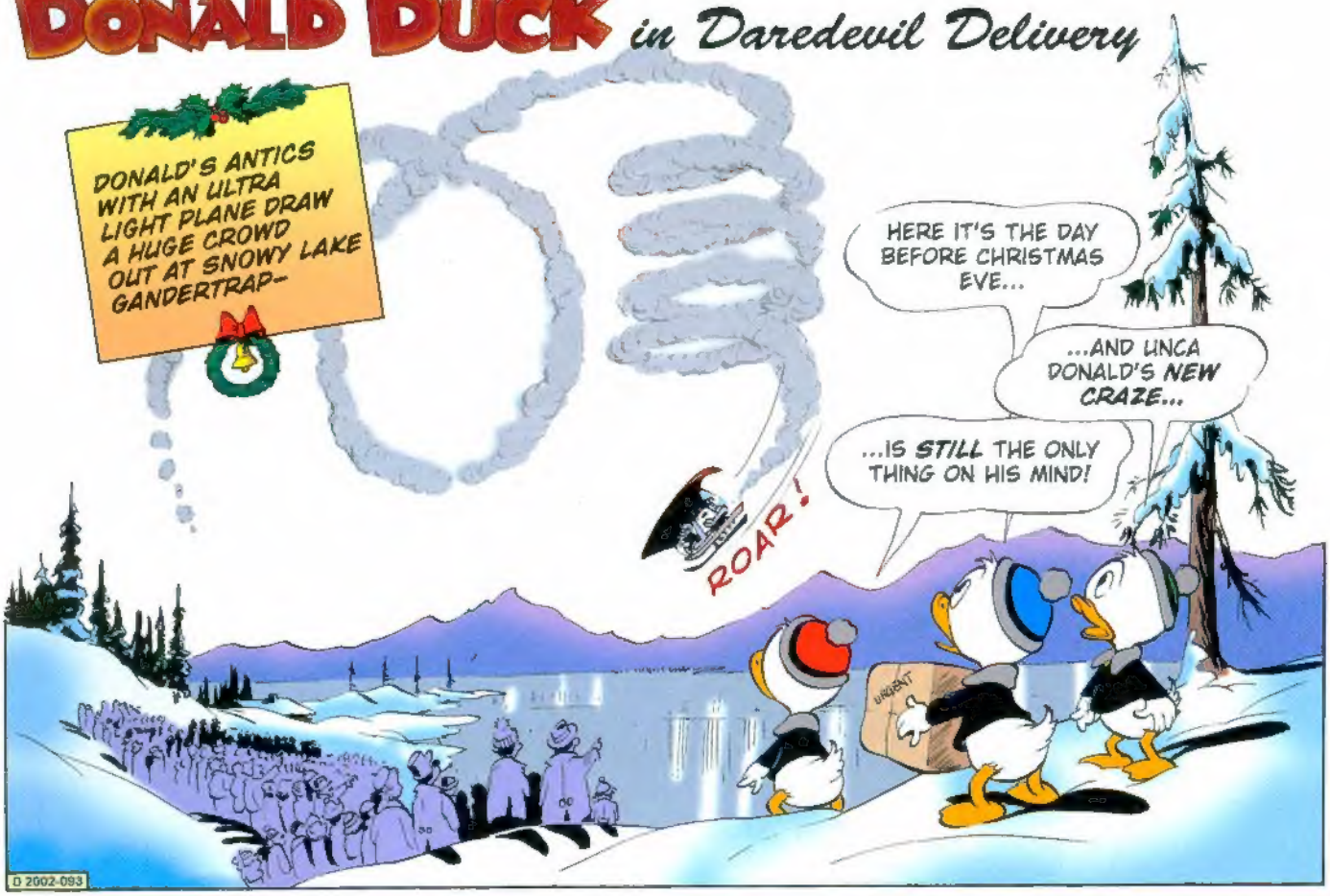
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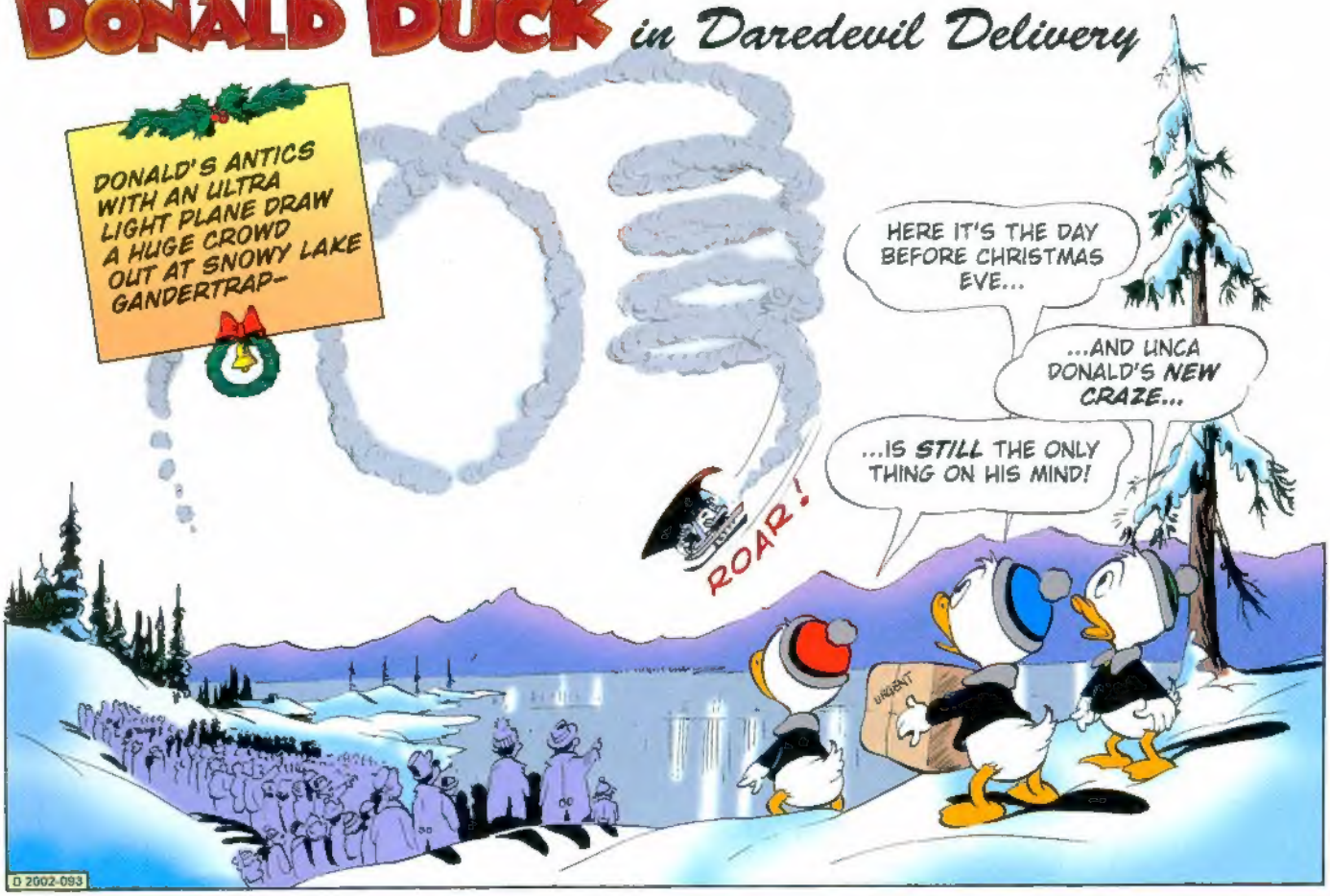
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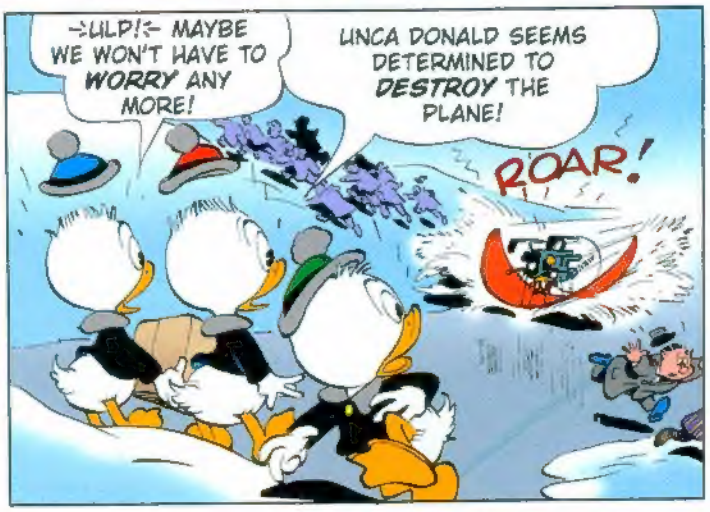
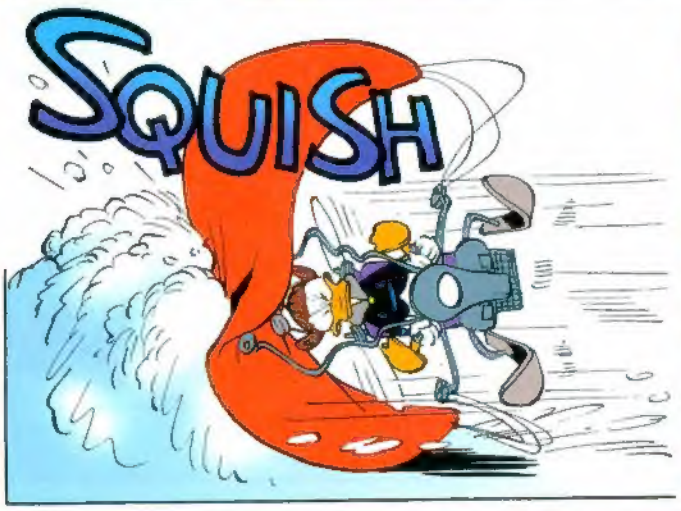
HE'S FORGETTING THE ULTRA-LIGHT ISN'T HIS YET!
HE STILL HAS TO DO THE OCCASIONAL JOB...
...TO MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY OFF THE LOAN!
SHOOOOSH

THAT PACKAGE NEEDS TO BE DELIVERED BY 4 O'CLOCK!
IT LEAVES HIM ONLY AN HOUR BEFORE THE BANK CLOSES TO BEAT THE CHRISTMAS DEADLINE ON THE LOAN!
URGENT


-ULP!- MAYBE WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANY MORE!
UNCA DONALD SEEMS DETERMINED TO DESTROY THE PLANE!
ROAR!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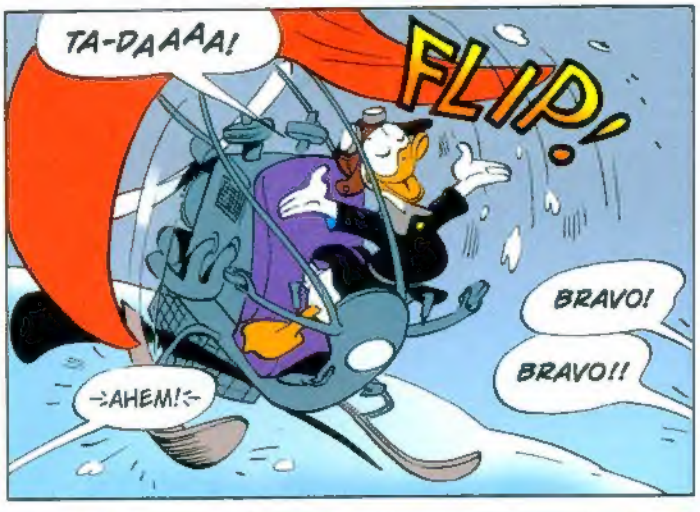

TA-DAAAA!
FLIP!
BRAVO!
BRAVO!!
-AHEM!-

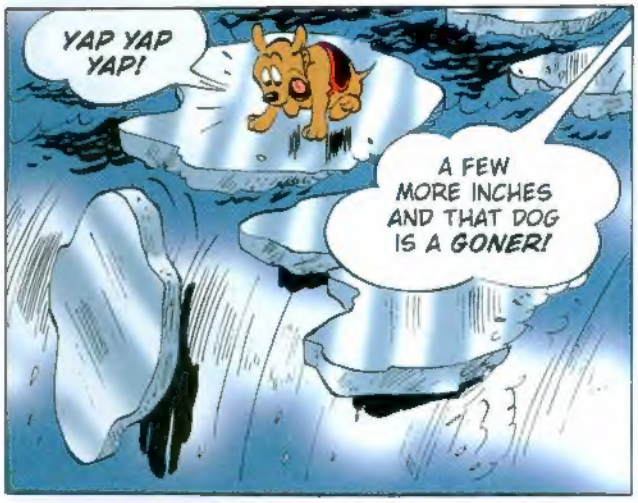
IT'LL BE CASH ON DELIVERY, SO YOU CAN PAY OFF YOUR LOAN!!
THINK YOU CAN GET SERIOUS LONG ENOUGH TO DELIVER THIS PACKAGE NOW, UNCA DONALD?

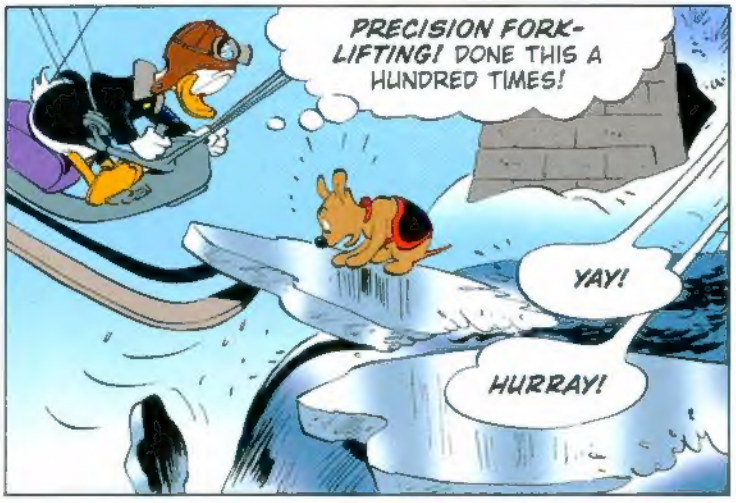
SO, GRUDGINGLY-
THOSE KIDS SHOULD LIGHTEN UP A LITTLE! THEY TAKE THINGS WAY TOO MUCH LIKE JUNIOR BANKERS...
PUT! PUT! PUT!
HELP! HELP!

HELP! MY DOGGIE CAN'T GET OFF THE ICE! -:BOO HOO!:-
ARF! YELP!
UH-OH! THE ICE FLOE IS HEADING STRAIGHT FOR A 30-FOOT DROP!
ROAR!

STILL, FOR ME IT'LL BE A CINCH TO STOP IT...
ZOW!

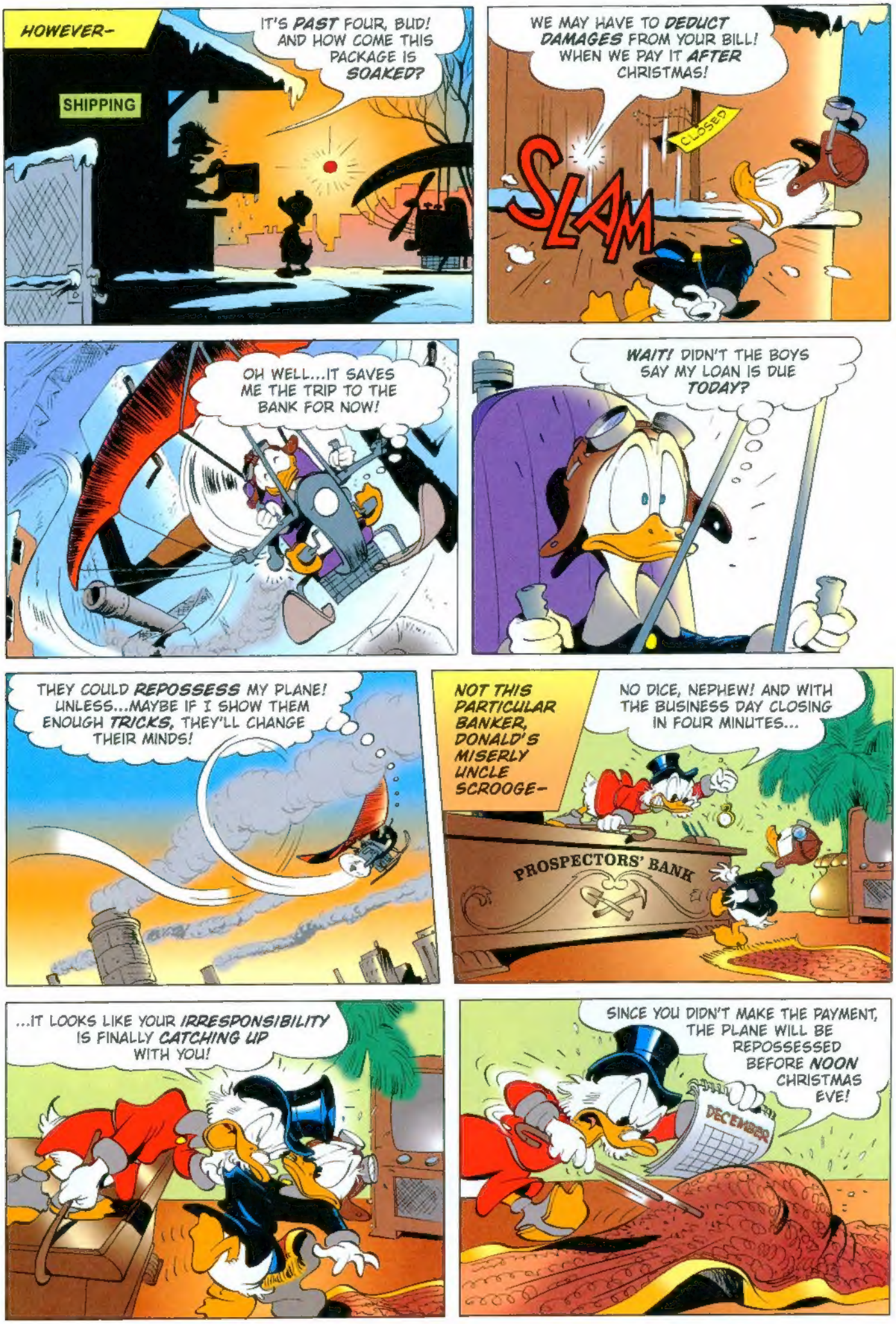
WHAT'S THAT PILOT THINK HE'S DOING!?


YAP YAP YAP!
A FEW MORE INCHES AND THAT DOG IS A GONER!


PRECISION FORK-LIFTING! DONE THIS A HUNDRED TIMES!
YAY!
HURRAY!

BRAVO!
YAP YAP!
WHAT AN ACE!
OH, BUFFY'S ALL RIGHT! THANKS TO YOU, MISTER!

THAT WAS FUN, BUT I'D BETTER DELIVER THE PACKAGE—AND GET PAID!


HOWEVER-
SHIPPING
IT'S PAST FOUR, BUD! AND HOW COME THIS PACKAGE IS SOAKED?
WE MAY HAVE TO DEDUCT DAMAGES FROM YOUR BILL! WHEN WE PAY IT AFTER CHRISTMAS!
CLOSED
SLAM
OH WELL...IT SAVES ME THE TRIP TO THE BANK FOR NOW!
WAIT! DIDN'T THE BOYS SAY MY LOAN IS DUE TODAY?
THEY COULD REPOSSESS MY PLANE! UNLESS...MAYBE IF I SHOW THEM ENOUGH TRICKS, THEY'LL CHANGE THEIR MINDS!
NOT THIS PARTICULAR BANKER, DONALD'S MISERLY UNCLE SCROOGE-
NO DICE, NEPHEW! AND WITH THE BUSINESS DAY CLOSING IN FOUR MINUTES...
PROSPECTORS' BANK
...IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR IRRESPONSIBILITY IS FINALLY CATCHING UP WITH YOU!
SINCE YOU DIDN'T MAKE THE PAYMENT, THE PLANE WILL BE REPOSSESSED BEFORE NOON CHRISTMAS EVE!
DECEMBER

AND IT BETTER BE IN *MINT* CONDITION, TOO!
BANK
...AND THEN THAT NICE MISTER DUCK IN HIS ULTRA-LIGHT PLANE SAVED MY BUFFY, AND...
THAT NIGHT, AN HOUR BEFORE MIDNIGHT–
-SIGH!-
PLEASE, UNCA DONALD...
...COME INSIDE!
THE ULTRA-LIGHT WILL STILL BE THERE IN THE MORNING!
D. DUCK'S DIRECT "OVER-HEAD" DELIVERY
YOU'RE RIGHT, KIDS...THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO! I'VE ONLY MY OWN *FRIVOLITY* TO BLAME!
POOR UNCA DONALD! NOTHING HE WISHED FOR IS UNDER THE TREE!
THAT ULTRA-LIGHT WAS HIS *EVERYTHING...*
...AND NOW HE'S LOSING EVEN *THAT!*
THOSE BOYS ARE GOOD KIDS! I SHOULD MAKE THEM A NICE CHRISTMAS DINNER!
TAP! TAP! TAP!
CLICK!
WOULDST THOU BE WILLING TO HELP WITH A *HIGH-PRIORITY* JOB RIGHT AWAY?
?

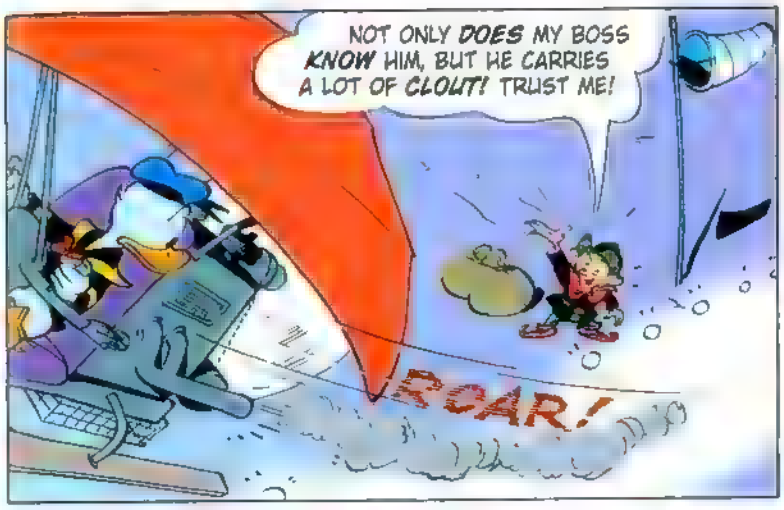
IT'S IMPERATIVE MY CLIENT RECEIVES TWO SACKS BY MIDNIGHT, BUT MY TRUCK'S AXLE BROKE!
WOW! I MIGHT BE ABLE TO KEEP MY PLANE!
IF THOU AGREE, THOU CAN WRITE THINE OWN TICKET!
HAND ME THOSE SACKS, SHORTY!
THOU MUST TAKE THEM BEHIND YON SPIRE AND PRISON!
THUS, MINUTES LATER–
THE MAN SAID THE DROP-OFF POINT WILL BE OBVIOUS! WELL, I WON'T FAIL MY CLIENT THIS TIME!
BUT HIGHER-UP IN THE NIGHT-SKY–
DE-ICING THE WINGS HAS FINALLY SUCCEEDED, CAPTAIN!
WHAT THE–?! IT'S RAINING ICICLES?
ZOW!
A GOOD THING I KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH IT!
ZIP!
ALTHOUGH IT DOES THROW ME OFF COURSE!

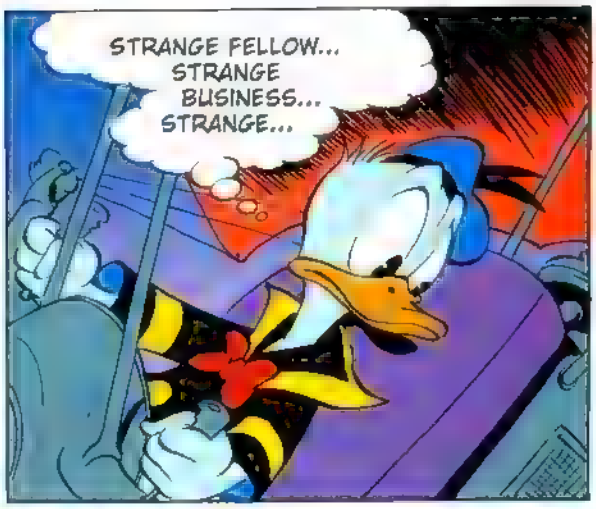
WAK! A NARROW ALLEY!
VOTE
I'M WAY TOO LOW! WHERE AM I?!
RATS! THE SPIRE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN NOW!
ZIP!
BUT A QUICK SHORT-CUT DOWN BROADWAY WILL MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME!
WHUPS! I CAN'T SEE A THING! WHO TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS?!
A POWER FAILURE AT THE SITE OF THE TOWN SQUARE CHRISTMAS TREE IS ABOUT TO BE FIXED-
OKAY, GOT IT! SWITCH 'EM BACK ON!
FLASH
A-AAAAH!
NOW!

I WOULDN'T *MIND* HAVING TO USE ALL MY SKILLS THIS TIME...
...IF IT WERE *NOT* FOR-
RIP!
I FOUND THE SPIRE! IN FACT, I GOT *STUCK* ON IT!
AND WITH MIDNIGHT ONLY *FIVE MINUTES* AWAY!
INSTEAD OF WASTING TIME DOING NOTHING, I'D BETTER WASTE SOME *GAS* ACCELERATING!
VROOM
MY GLIDER OR THE WEATHER VANE-SOMETHING'S GOT TO *GIVE!*
WHIRRRR
RATS!
R-R-RRIP!

HARD TO FIND MY COURSE FROM INSIDE THIS MIX-MASTER!
WAK! THE PRISON WALL!
GOTTA PULL UP-QUICK!
BOP!
THANKS, DONALD!
WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SUSPICIOUS WHEN THE BEAGLE BOYS ENTERED THE HALF-PIPE COMPETITION WEARING JET-POWERED SKATES!
SCROOGE MCDUCK WILL BE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL!
BIG DEAL! HIS GRATITUDE IS NEVER WORTH CASH IN MY POCKET!
=GULP!= IT'S PAST MIDNIGHT! I'VE BLOWN MY LAST CHANCE TO DO THINGS RIGHT!
AND WHEN THE BANK DROPS BY AT NOON, THEY'LL FIND THEIR GLIDER DAMAGED TO BOOT!
FLUTTER

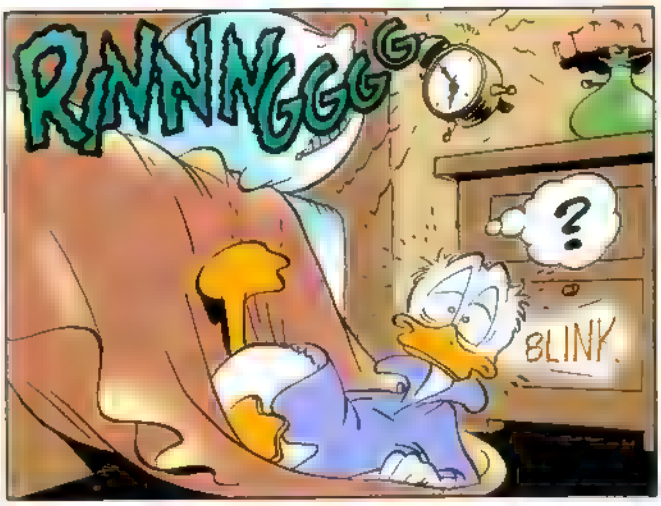
I'D GO BACK TO BED RIGHT NOW IF I DIDN'T STILL HAVE TO DELIVER MY CARGO SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE!
HEY! SOME KIND OF RUNWAY! I GUESS THIS IS IT!
WHAT KIND OF OPERATION IS THIS?! SEEMS POSITIVELY WEIRD!
SORRY I'M LATE, BUT...
OH, NOT TO WORRY, FRIEND!
THOU DID THE BEST THOU COULD-AND THEN SOME! THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THOU FOLLOWED THROUGH, REGARDLESS, SO THOU WILL BE REWARDED ACCORDINGLY!
ER... YOU MEAN I DON'T GET PAID RIGHT AWAY!
THOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED WHATEVER IS THY DUE!
MY BOSS TRULY APPRECIATES THE VALUE OF SUCH THINGS, AND WILL SEE THAT EVERYONE IS FULLY SATISFIED!
THEN HE DOESN'T KNOW UNCLE SCROOGE!


NOT ONLY DOES MY BOSS KNOW HIM, BUT HE CARRIES A LOT OF CLOUT! TRUST ME!
ROAR!


STRANGE FELLOW... STRANGE BUSINESS... STRANGE...

KKLANGG

WHAT'S THAT POLE DOING HERE!??
WNGGGGGGGGGGGGG


RNNNGGG
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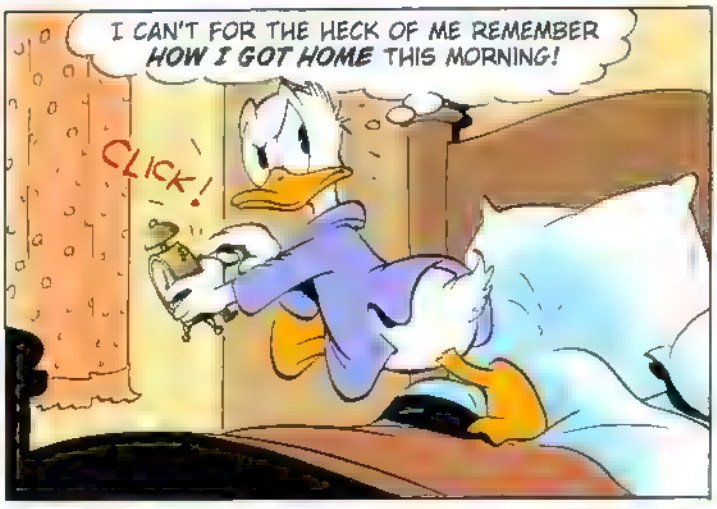
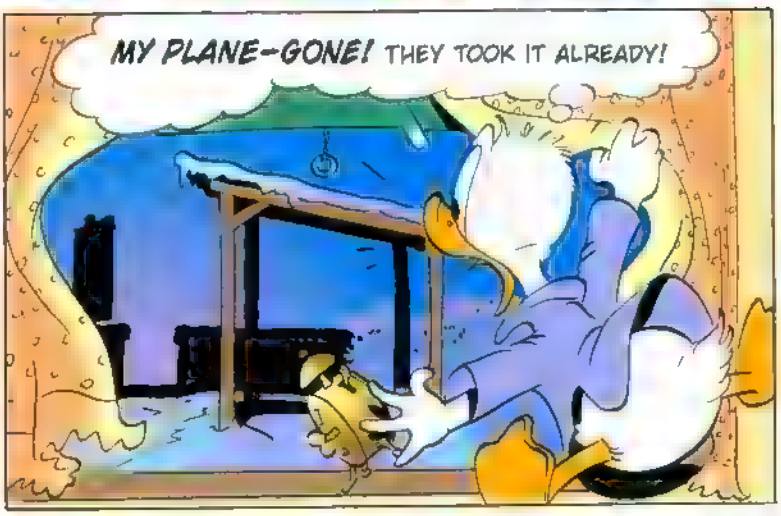
BLINK


I CAN'T FOR THE HECK OF ME REMEMBER HOW I GOT HOME THIS MORNING!
CLICK!


MY PLANE-GONE! THEY TOOK IT ALREADY!

GOOD GRIEF! IT'S SEVEN PM! I SLEPT THE ENTIRE DAY AWAY-IT'S ALREADY CHRISTMAS EVE!

MERRY...
CHRISTMAS
...UNCA DONALD!
MY PLANE?!?
THAT MUST BE...
...THE VERY BEST PRESENT...
...YOU NEVER EXPECTED, HUH?
BUT THEN I...
...DID THE JOB FOR...
YOU'LL NEVER GUESS...
...WHO DELIVERED IT!
IT WAS UN-
OH, I'VE FIGURED IT ALL OUT, BOYS!
I MAY HAVE GIVEN YOU GOOD REASONS TO THINK I'M NOT LIVING IN THE REAL WORLD, BUT THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST NOW!
? ? ?
YESSIR... SANTA CLAUS CERTAINLY KNOWS HOW TO REWARD TALENT AND PERSEVERANCE!

Walt Disney's MICKEY MOUSE in SNOW IT GOES
WINTER TIMES, WINTER FUN! AND IT LOOKS LIKE MICKEY'S ABOUT TO WIN A PRIZE—
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THAT GUY FROM THE MOVIES! HOW'D YOU DO IT?
BRANT'S FOREST SNOWPARK
Annual Snowman Contest
WELL, I CLIPPED AND STUDIED A FEW PHOTOS FROM A MAGAZINE FOR STARTERS!
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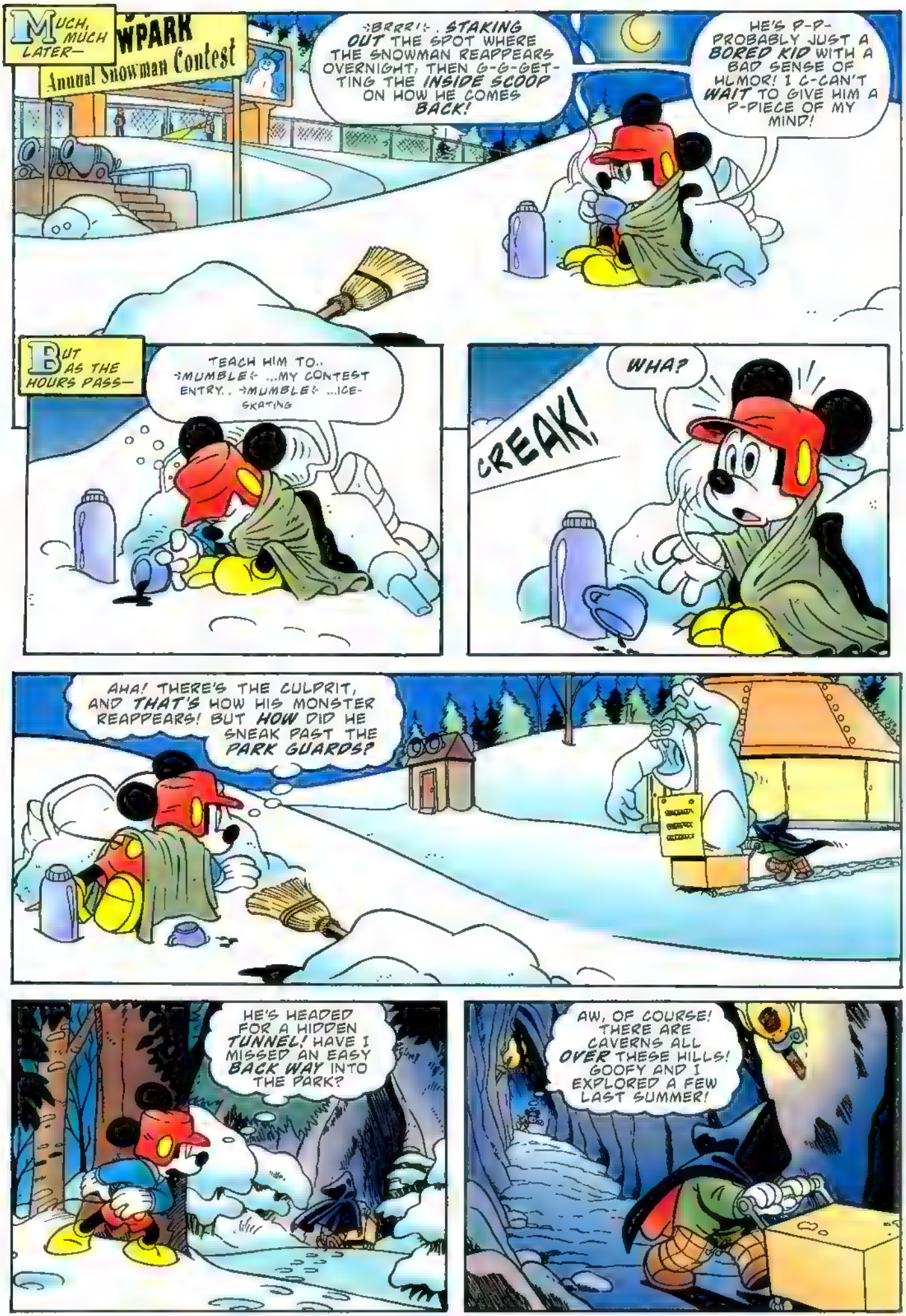
WOW FORGET THAT! LOOK AT THIS!
WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
NOW THAT'S A MONSTER-PIECE!
IT'S LIKE IT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE! MAYBE IT'S MAGIC!
FROST AND FUDGE, I THOUGHT FOR SURE I HAD FIRST PRIZE IN THE BAG! WELL, THE CONTEST ISN'T OVER YET!

THE CONTEST IS OVER! THIS FANTABULOUS MYSTERY MONSTER TAKES FIRST PRIZE!
SINCE ITS ESTEEMED ARTIST ISN'T HERE, MY BOSS MR. BRANT WILL KEEP THE TROPHY FOR HIM TO CLAIM!
SIGH! WELL, MY SNOWMAN'S STILL A JOB WELL DONE! AS A FINALIST, IT'LL REMAIN IN THE PARK ALL WINTER—
AH-HA-HA-HA!
BY THE STARRY SKIES! THE WINNER IS ALIVE!
RUN AWAY! FLEE!
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!
I KNEW THAT SNOW MONSTER WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! IT'S A CHEAT IN A COSTUME, PLAYING A PATHETIC JOKE!
SQUISH!
SINCE HE'S NOT MADE OF REAL SNOW, I'M THE REAL WINNER—
NO! HE'S SQUASHED MY ENTRY!
AH-HA-HA-HA!
BLAT!

I'LL "AH-HA-HA!" YOU, YOU MISERABLE PILE OF FLAKES! YOU'RE JUST AN EGOMANIACAL FAKE!
NO! IT'S A LIVE SNOWMAN— A GHOST! RUN! RUN!
→GASP!←
→YEESH!← WHOEVER HE WAS, HE'S OUT OF SIGHT! AND HE'LL BE LONG GONE BY THE TIME I GET THROUGH THIS CROWD
RATS! SOME SILLY PRANK AND I'M OUT OF THE CONTEST! MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO ENJOY THE REST OF THE WINTER PARK!
A FEW HOURS LATER, NEAR SUNSET—
THIS IS MORE LIKE IT! I'D FORGOTTEN HOW MUCH I ENJOY SKATING!
IT'S BACK! AND IT'S BREATHING FIRE! RUN!
FWOOSH!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

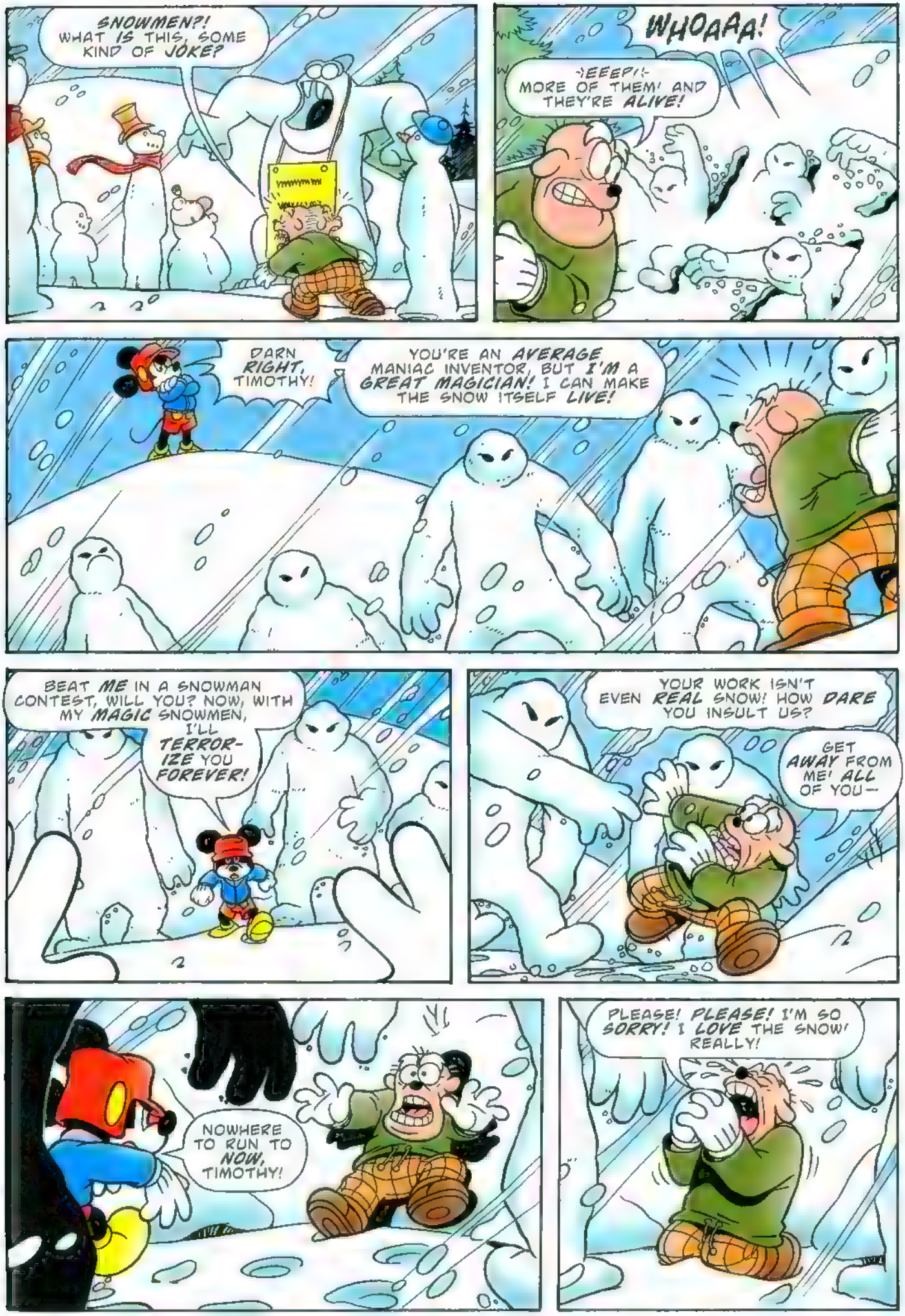
THAT MONSTER JOKER MELTED THE ICE UNDER ME!
WHOA! FREEZING AND FROZEN! I'M STUCK...
...AND THE CULPRIT'S ESCAPING AGAIN!
WE'LL SOON FREE YOU ALL FROM THE ICE, PEOPLE! DON'T PANIC!
"DON'T PANIC"?! THERE'S A GHOST SNOWMAN LOOSE! I'M PANICKED!
SHORTLY—
MELT
OKAY NOW, MR. MOUSE?
OKAY?!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THAT PHONY OVERGROWN SNOWBALL! TOMORROW I COME BACK HERE AND GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
THE ASSAILANT ALSO RETURNS THE NEXT DAY—
READ THAT SIGN! WE MUST OBEY BEFORE THE MONSTER WAKES AGAIN!
SHUT THE PARK IMMEDIATELY... OR ELSE!
PHOOEY! IT'S JUST A SILLY PRANK!

IT'S NOT EVEN REAL SNOW! LOOK, IT'S A GUY IN A COSTUME!
SHUT THE PARK IMMEDIATELY... OR ELSE!
HEY! WHAT THE—
AH-HA-HA-HA!
GR.M PHANTASMS! THAT SOUND!
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!
RUN! IT IS A GHOST!
WAIT! IT'S COMING FROM THOSE SPEAKERS!
IF YOU NEED SPEAKERS, YOU'RE NO GHOST, PAL! GOTCHA!
CRASH!
→GROAN!←
THE CULPRIT HEARD ME COMING AND ESCAPED OUT THIS WINDOW! WELL, AT LEAST THE LAUGHING STOPPED!
IT'S A GHOST—AN APPARITION FROM THE NETHER REALMS! WE HAVE TO CLOSE THE PARK!
IF THESE EVENTS CONTINUE, WE MIGHT BE SUED FOR RUNNING IT UNSAFELY! HMM!
DON'T GIVE IN YET! THERE'S ONE OPTION LEFT TO TRY...

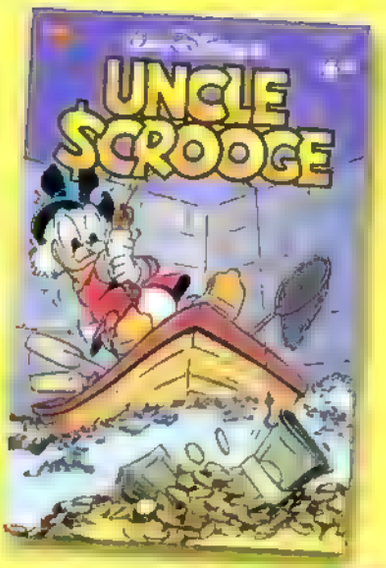

MUCH, MUCH LATER—
WPARK
Annual Snowman Contest
:BRRR!: . STAKING OUT THE SPOT WHERE THE SNOWMAN REAPPEARS OVERNIGHT, THEN G-G-GETTING THE INSIDE SCOOP ON HOW HE COMES BACK!
HE'S P-P-PROBABLY JUST A BORED KID WITH A BAD SENSE OF HUMOR! I C-CAN'T WAIT TO GIVE HIM A P-PIECE OF MY MIND!
BUT AS THE HOURS PASS—
TEACH HIM TO.. :MUMBLE: ...MY CONTEST ENTRY.. :MUMBLE: ...ICE-SKATING
CREAK!
WHA?
AHA! THERE'S THE CULPRIT, AND THAT'S HOW HIS MONSTER REAPPEARS! BUT HOW DID HE SNEAK PAST THE PARK GUARDS?
HE'S HEADED FOR A HIDDEN TUNNEL! HAVE I MISSED AN EASY BACK WAY INTO THE PARK?
AW, OF COURSE! THERE ARE CAVERNS ALL OVER THESE HILLS! GOOFY AND I EXPLORED A FEW LAST SUMMER!

HECKLERS AND HIDEAWAYS— AN ENTIRE HIDDEN WORKSHOP?! WHAT KIND OF KOOK AM I DEALNG WITH?
AH-HA-HA-HA! SOON MY HARD WORK WILL PAY OFF!
THE FUNPARK WILL CLOSE! THE REVELERS WILL HEAD HOME! BRANT WILL LOSE A FORTUNE...
...AND THEY'LL ALL REMEMBER THE NAME OF... TIMOTHY!
WHAT HAS BROUGHT ME TO THIS MOMENT OF VENGEANCE?
YEARS AGO, I WAS HAPPY TO WORK FOR BRANT! I LIKED BEING A COSTUMED SNOWMAN AT HIS PARK!
I LIKED TO SNEAK UP BEHIND CHILDREN AND CACKLE! AND THAT'S WHY I WAS FIRED! SNIFF!
BUT REVENGE WILL BE MINE!
I'VE BUILT MORE-REALISTIC ROBOT SNOWMAN COSTUMES TO WREAK HAVOC! MY IDENTICAL SNOW-MOLD CONVINCES FOOLS THAT AN ACTUAL SNOWMAN IS CAUSING THE CHAOS!
AND THE SNOW-MAN I JUST LEFT IN THE PARK..

...IS MY FINEST CREATION! COMPLETELY ROBOTIC AND REMOTE-CONTROLLED, IT WILL WRECK THE WHOLE PLACE IF THEY DON'T CLOSE!
WHAT A LOON! I WAS GOING TO JUST CALL THE POLICE...
...BUT I THINK I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!
NEXT MORNING—
HMM! THEY MUST HAVE READ THE NOTE ATTACHED, THREATENING DESTRUCTION! BUT NO ONE'S LEAVING, AND THE PARK SEEMS OPEN!
AH-HA-HA-HA! FLEE FROM ME NOW OR I WILL CRUSH YOU!
NO REACTION, EH? TIME TO BRING OUT THE BIG GUNS!
BLAST!
COME ON! GET SCARED!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE? DON'T ANY OF YOU KNOW WHEN TO BE AFRAID?


SNOWMEN?! WHAT IS THIS, SOME KIND OF JOKE?
WHOAAA!
-EEEP!- MORE OF THEM! AND THEY'RE ALIVE!
DARN RIGHT, TIMOTHY!
YOU'RE AN AVERAGE MANIAC INVENTOR, BUT I'M A GREAT MAGICIAN! I CAN MAKE THE SNOW ITSELF LIVE!
BEAT ME IN A SNOWMAN CONTEST, WILL YOU? NOW, WITH MY MAGIC SNOWMEN, I'LL TERROR-IZE YOU FOREVER!
YOUR WORK ISN'T EVEN REAL SNOW! HOW DARE YOU INSULT US?
GET AWAY FROM ME! ALL OF YOU—
NOWHERE TO RUN TO NOW, TIMOTHY!
PLEASE! PLEASE! I'M SO SORRY! I LOVE THE SNOW! REALLY!

THE DUCK AND THE MOUSE SENT TO YOUR HOUSE!



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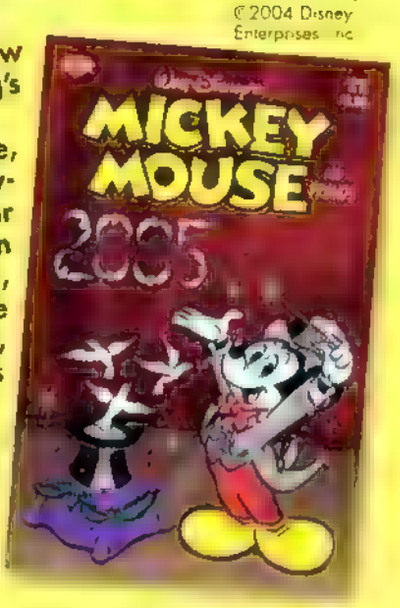

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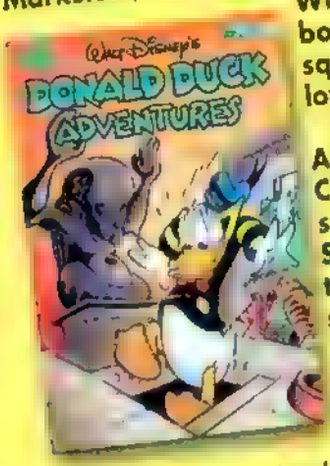

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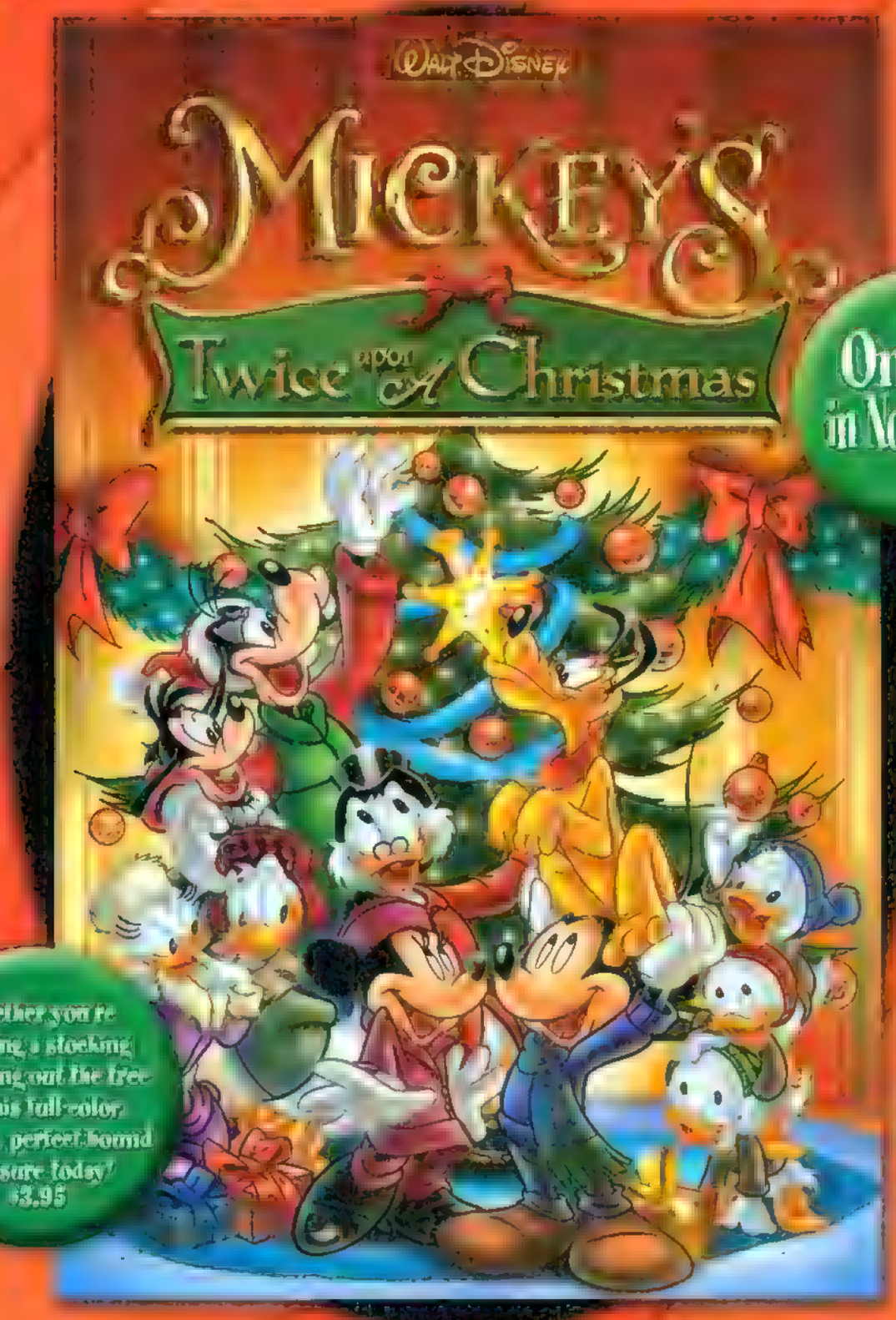

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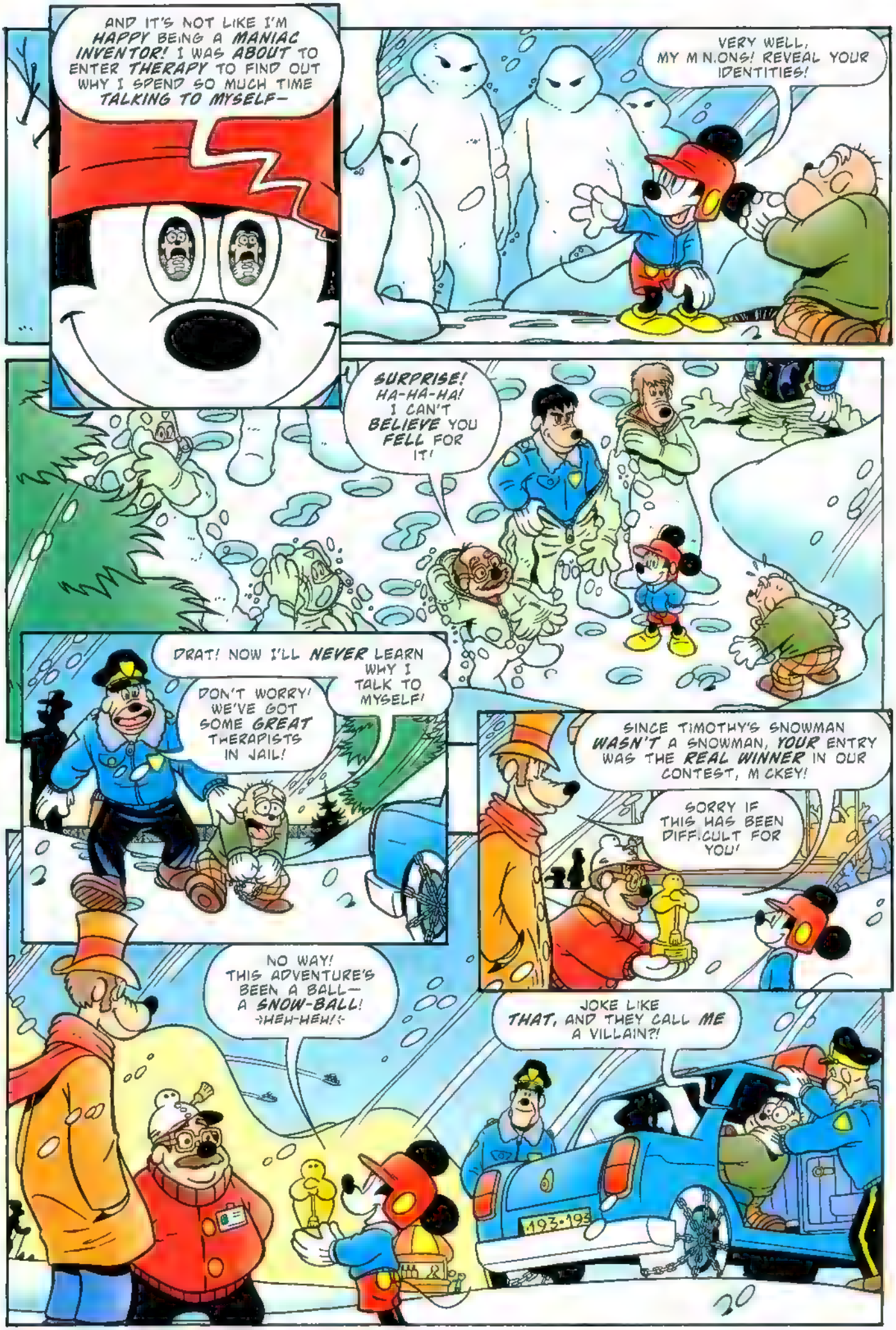
AND IT'S NOT LIKE I'M HAPPY BEING A MANIAC INVENTOR! I WAS ABOUT TO ENTER THERAPY TO FIND OUT WHY I SPEND SO MUCH TIME TALKING TO MYSELF—
VERY WELL, MY M N.ONS! REVEAL YOUR IDENTITIES!
SURPRISE! HA-HA-HA! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FELL FOR IT!
DRAT! NOW I'LL NEVER LEARN WHY I TALK TO MYSELF!
DON'T WORRY! WE'VE GOT SOME GREAT THERAPISTS IN JAIL!
SINCE TIMOTHY'S SNOWMAN WASN'T A SNOWMAN, YOUR ENTRY WAS THE REAL WINNER IN OUR CONTEST, M CKEY!
SORRY IF THIS HAS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR YOU!
NO WAY! THIS ADVENTURE'S BEEN A BALL— A SNOW-BALL! :HEH-HEH!:
JOKE LIKE THAT, AND THEY CALL ME A VILLAIN?!
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BIG BAD WOLF
A WOLF'S CHRISTMAS CAROL
KNOCK! KNOCK!
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, POP? I HAVE SOME TEA FOR YOU!
I DON'T HAVE TIME, SON! I CAN'T BE DISTURBED NOW!
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BECAUSE IF LI'L WOLF SEES THAT I'M BUILDING A PIG-CATCHER, HE'LL RUN RIGHT OUT AND BLAB IT TO HIS PORK-CHOP BUDDIES!
AND I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
DINGALING!
WELL, MY BOY— TINKERING, ARE WE?
Huh? Oh— HI, SANTA! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
I CAME ESPECIALLY TO SEE YOU, ZEKE!
Oh? AND DID YOU BRING SOMETHING NICE FOR ME?
YES, SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL— THE PIGS' CHRISTMAS WISH LIST! AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY WROTE?
NO IDEA!
"WE DON'T NEED ANY PRESENTS! ALL WE WANT IS A SAFE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WITHOUT ZEKE WOLF!" AND HERE I HAVE YOUR WISH LIST—

AND WHAT'S ON IT?!
PORK CHOPS, OF COURSE— LIKE EVERY YEAR!
EXACTLY! BUT IT CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS! IT'S HIGH TIME WE DID SOMETHING ABOUT THAT BAD CHARACTER OF YOURS!
BUT— OW!
Er... WHERE ARE WE GOING, SANTA?
YOU'LL SOON SEE!
HEY! I KNOW THAT HOUSE! I WAS BORN THERE!
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT! THAT'S ME WHEN I WAS A LITTLE WOLF! HOW CAN THIS BE?
WHEN YOU RIDE WITH ME, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!
AWW! LOOK AT ME PLAYING NICE WITH MY LITTLE BROTHER!
YES, YOU WERE A GOOD BOY— THEN!
AND LOOK THERE! MY MOTHER! *SIGH!* IT WAS SO NICE AT HOME BACK THEN!
HEY, MA! OPEN UP! I WANT SOME OF THAT BIRD!

GOOD GRIEF! CAN'T YOU THINK ABOUT ANYTHING BESIDES *EATING?* COME ON, GET IN! WE HAVE TO GO ON!
WHERE ARE WE GOING NOW?
TO SEE FOLKS YOU KNOW *VERY* WELL!
AH! THE *PIGS!* THE LITTLE PORKERS ARE PROBABLY INSIDE GETTING FAT ON CHRISTMAS GOODIES!
THINK SO?
WE'RE HUNGRY, PRACTICAL!
ME TOO, MEN, BUT I CAN'T GO TO THE STORE! I'M TOO AFRAID OF THE WOLF!
OH, NO! WE'RE GOING TO STARVE!
B-BUT— THIS IS TERRIBLE!
SNIFF! I KNEW THAT SCOUNDREL HAD A HEART!
IF THEY DON'T EAT WELL, THEY'LL GET THIN! AND THEN I WON'T ENJOY EATING THEM!
ZEKE WOLF, YOU'RE HOPELESS! THAT'S WHY WE WILL NOW TAKE A TRIP TO THE *FUTURE!*
Huh?
SAY, WHO'S THAT OLD COOT TRUDGING THROUGH THE FOREST?
CAN'T YOU TELL?

THAT'S YOU WHEN YOU'RE *EIGHTY!*
WHAT? AM I STILL CHASING THE PIGS THEN?
JUST WATCH!
PLEASE, YOU DEAR, SWEET PIGS! M-MAY I LIVE WITH YOU? I WAS KICKED OUT OF M-MY OWN HOUSE!
BONK! BONK!
THE THREE PIGS
EVEN LI'L WOLF DOESN'T WANT ME AROUND ANY MORE! I'M ALL ALONE AND SO C-C-COLD!
BEAT IT, GRAMPS! IT'S YOUR *OWN FAULT* THAT EVERYONE HAS HAD ENOUGH OF YOU!
WHAP!
SEE? THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU DON'T CHANGE YOUR WAYS!
BOO-HOO! NOBODY LIKES ME! ÷SNIFF!÷
I UNDERSTAND, SANTA! YOUR MESSAGE IS LOUD AND CLEAR!
FINE! I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON, ZEKE! SO LONG!
Z. WOLF & SON
I SURE DID LEARN MY LESSON! I'VE GOT TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY FROM NOW ON!

The Case of the Frantic Fan

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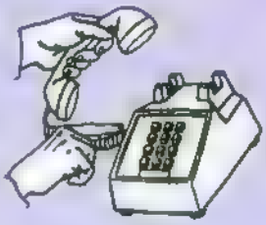

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SOON, AT THE PIGS' HOUSE...
KNOCK! KNOCK!
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT ALL THE THINGS I'VE DONE TO YOU!
THE THREE PIGS
SO I BROUGHT YOU A PRESENT TO MAKE UP FOR IT! MERRY CHRISTMAS!
DID HE MEAN THAT? IS HE *REALLY* SORRY?
WHY NOT? PEOPLE DO FUNNY THINGS AT CHRISTMAS!
AND I DON'T SEE ZEKE AROUND, SO—
BUT...
OUR MISTAKE! IT *WAS* A TRAP!
Oh, NO! THERE HE IS!
TWOING!
DON'T BLAME *ME!* IT WAS ACTUALLY SANTA CLAUS'S IDEA TO DO SOMETHING NICE! NOW, WHAT SHALL I USE TO STUFF YOU? APPLES? CHESTNUTS? OR—
SPLASH!
HOW ABOUT A NICE, FRESH *WATERMELON*, ZEKE?
HURRAY! IT'S SANTA CLAUS! JUST IN TIME!
I THOUGHT I'D LOOK IN TO SEE HOW THINGS WERE GOING! I HAD A FEELING HIS GOOD INTENTIONS MIGHT NOT *LAST* LONG!
ALL RIGHT, NOW LET'S EAT!
IT'S TOO BAD ZEKE CAN'T EVEN HAVE A TASTE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? DIDN'T HE HAVE A TASTE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE? *HA! HA!*

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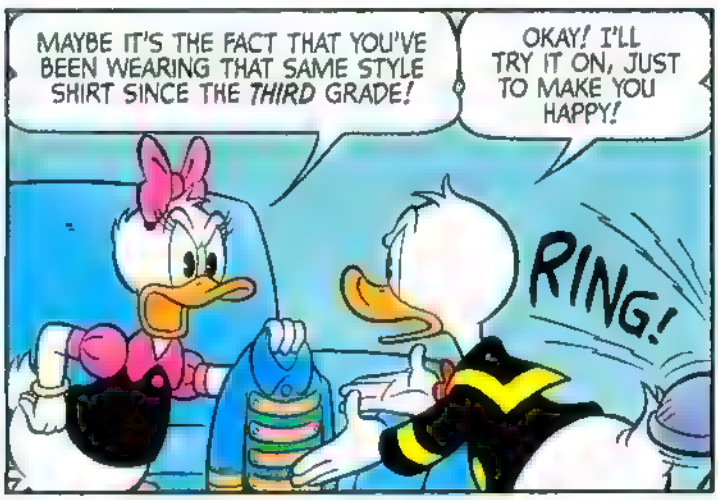
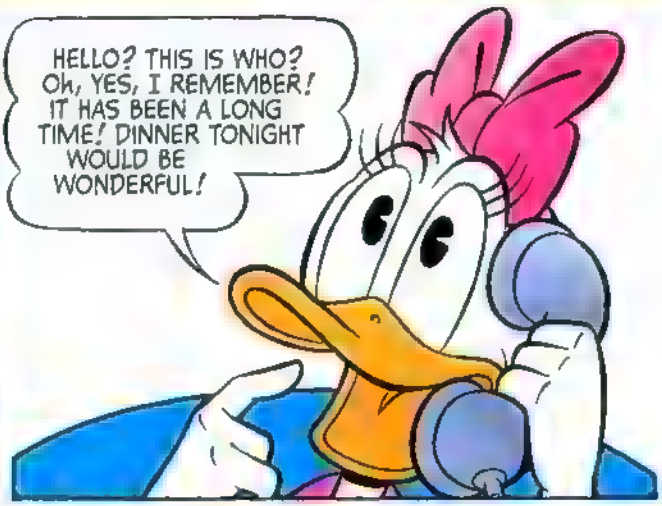
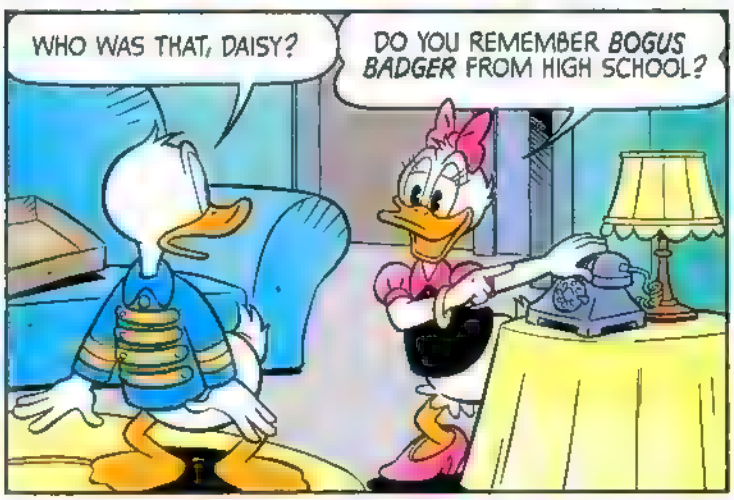
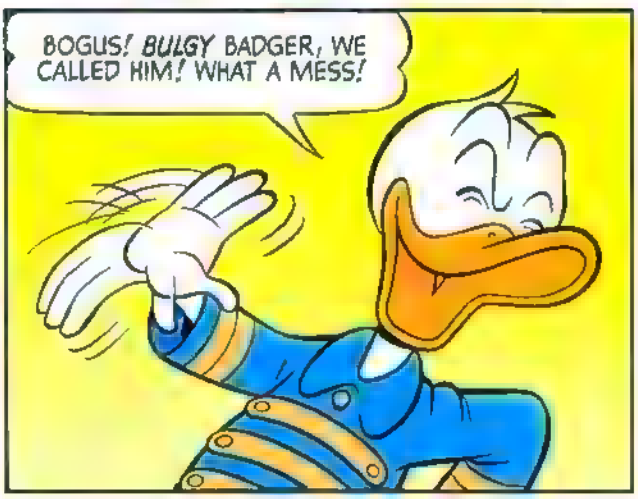
DONALD DUCK in BOGUS BADGER


MAYBE IT'S THE FACT THAT YOU'VE BEEN WEARING THAT SAME STYLE SHIRT SINCE THE THIRD GRADE!
OKAY! I'LL TRY IT ON, JUST TO MAKE YOU HAPPY!
RING!



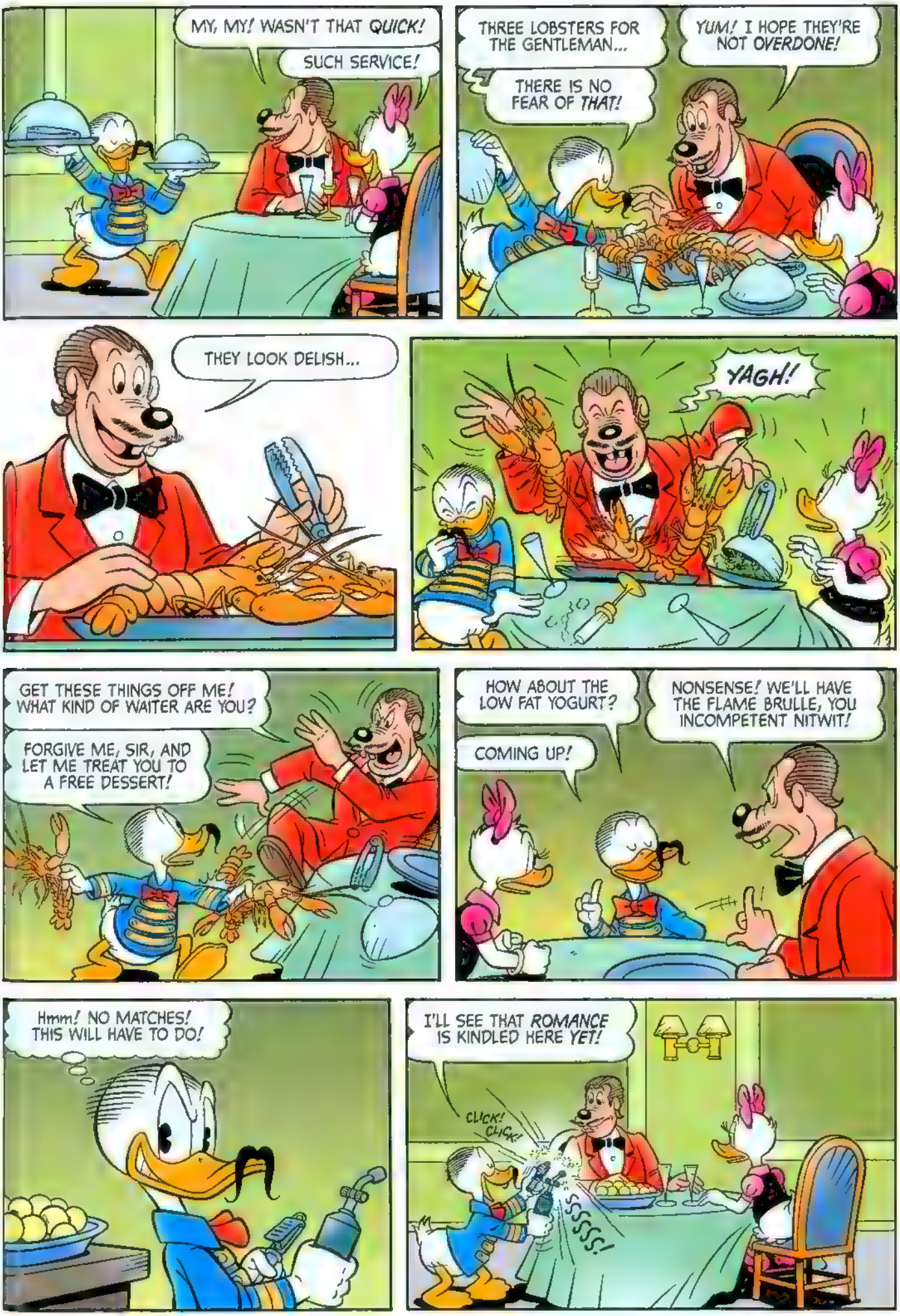


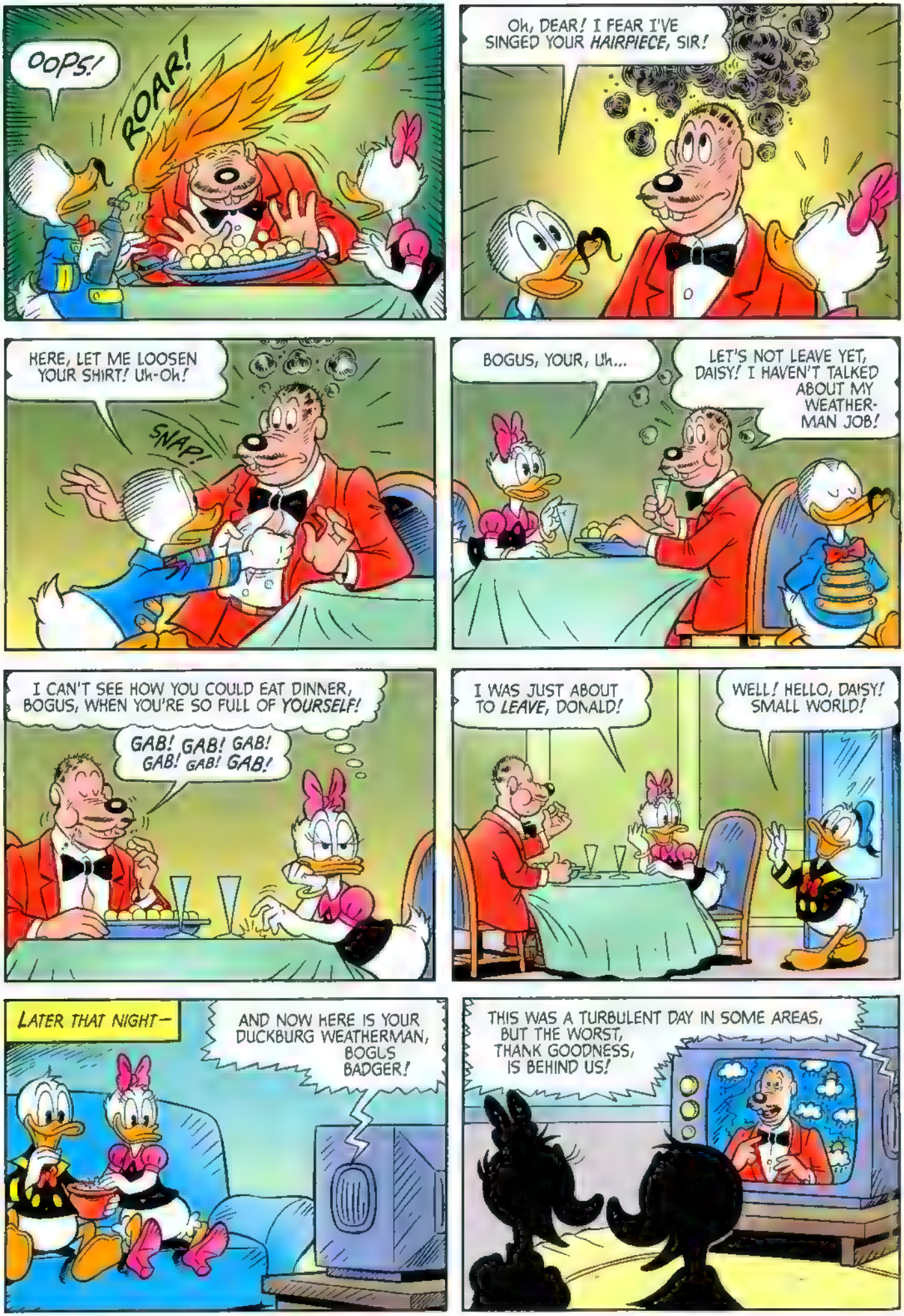


WELL, HE AND I ARE GOING TO DINNER!
Oh! A PITY PARTY, Huh?
BOGUS SAYS HE'S DUCKBURG'S NEW CHANNEL 2 WEATHER-MAN!
HIM?! I THOUGHT YOU NEEDED LOOKS FOR THAT KIND OF JOB!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT HE SAID!
HOW ABOUT BRAINS!? IF BOGUS CAN BE A WEATHERMAN, SO CAN I! WATCH!
Hum— SUNNY AND CLEAR, PUT AWAY THOSE UMBRELLAS AND BREAK OUT THE SHADES!!
BOGUS ARRIVES RIGHT ON TIME—
KNOCK! KNOCK!
GOOD LUCK, DAISY! YOU'LL NEED IT!
GREETINGS, DAISY! MY! YOU'RE LOVELY AS EVER!
DONALD, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME SWIPING THIS SWEET THING FOR THE EVENING!
TEE-HEE!
I THOUGHT WE'D PLAY A ROUND OF GOLF BEFORE DINING AT THE COUNTRY CLUB, MY PIGEON!
I'M READY!
CLICK!

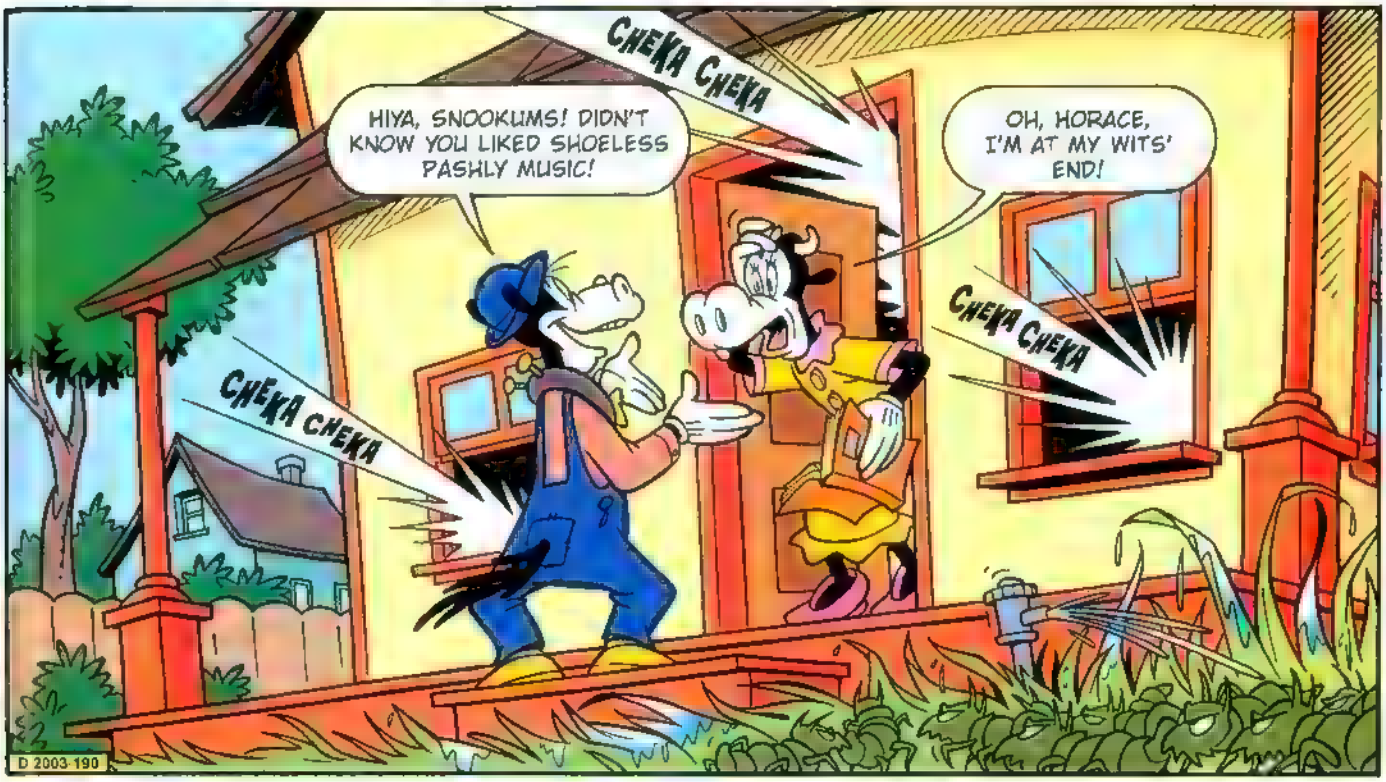
AT THE CLUB—
I JUST MADE IT IN TIME! NOW LET'S HOPE DAISY DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME IN THIS DISGUISE!
SAY, BOY!
CADDY FOR HIRE!
CARRY OUR BAGS AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!
BOGUS! SHOULDN'T YOU ASK NICELY?
MY DEAR, THESE SERVICE PEOPLE EXPECT TO BE TALKED TO LIKE THAT!
URGH!
CADDY! MY NINE IRON!
COMING RIGHT UP, YOUR MAJESTY!
GLUE
LET ME SHOW YOU PROPER GOLFING FORM!
AHH! SUCH GRACE!
WOK!
SOMETHING IS AMISS! LET'S TRY ANOTHER HOLE!
THE NEXT HOLE IS MUCH MORE CHALLENGING! RUN UP AHEAD, CADDY, AND SET UP OUR BALLS!
YES, YOUR EXCELLENCY!
NOW THIS IS A TEE!
ONE PIECE SOLID METAL BALL and TEE

AHH! EXCELLENT WORK!
THIS SHOT IS 400 YARDS, MY PET!
IT TAKES A MIGHTY SWING...
WIZ!
GOING!
GGGGGGG!
P-PERHAPS WE SHOULD D-DINE, DAISY, AFTER SUCH A TAXING GAME!
DINNER AT THE RITZY CLUB—
THIS STUPID JACKET DAISY GOT ME MAKES A SWELL WAITERS OUTFIT!
GOOD EVENING! LET ME RECOMMEND THE FRESH LOBSTER! OUR SPECIALITY!
WHY, I'LL HAVE ALL THREE!
AND THE VEGETARIAN SALAD FOR ME, PLEASE!
BUT OF COURSE!


MY, MY! WASN'T THAT QUICK!
SUCH SERVICE!
THREE LOBSTERS FOR THE GENTLEMAN...
YUM! I HOPE THEY'RE NOT OVERDONE!
THERE IS NO FEAR OF THAT!
THEY LOOK DELISH...
YAGH!
GET THESE THINGS OFF ME! WHAT KIND OF WAITER ARE YOU?
FORGIVE ME, SIR, AND LET ME TREAT YOU TO A FREE DESSERT!
HOW ABOUT THE LOW FAT YOGURT?
NONSENSE! WE'LL HAVE THE FLAME BRULLE, YOU INCOMPETENT NITWIT!
COMING UP!
Hmm! NO MATCHES! THIS WILL HAVE TO DO!
I'LL SEE THAT ROMANCE IS KINDLED HERE YET!
CLICK! CLICK!
SSSSS!


OOPS!
ROAR!
Oh, DEAR! I FEAR I'VE SINGED YOUR *HAIRPIECE*, SIR!
HERE, LET ME LOOSEN YOUR SHIRT! Uh-Oh!
SNAP!
BOGUS, YOUR, Uh...
LET'S NOT LEAVE YET, DAISY! I HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT MY WEATHER-MAN JOB!
I CAN'T SEE HOW YOU COULD EAT DINNER, BOGUS, WHEN YOU'RE SO FULL OF *YOURSELF!*
GAB! GAB! GAB! GAB! GAB! GAB!
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO *LEAVE*, DONALD!
WELL! HELLO, DAISY! SMALL WORLD!
LATER THAT NIGHT—
AND NOW HERE IS YOUR DUCKBURG WEATHERMAN, BOGUS BADGER!
THIS WAS A TURBULENT DAY IN SOME AREAS, BUT THE WORST, THANK GOODNESS, IS BEHIND US!

Walt Disney's Horace Horsecollar in DRIVING CLARABELLE BUGGY


CHEKA CHEKA
HIYA, SNOOKUMS! DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIKED SHOELESS PASHLY MUSIC!
OH, HORACE, I'M AT MY WITS' END!
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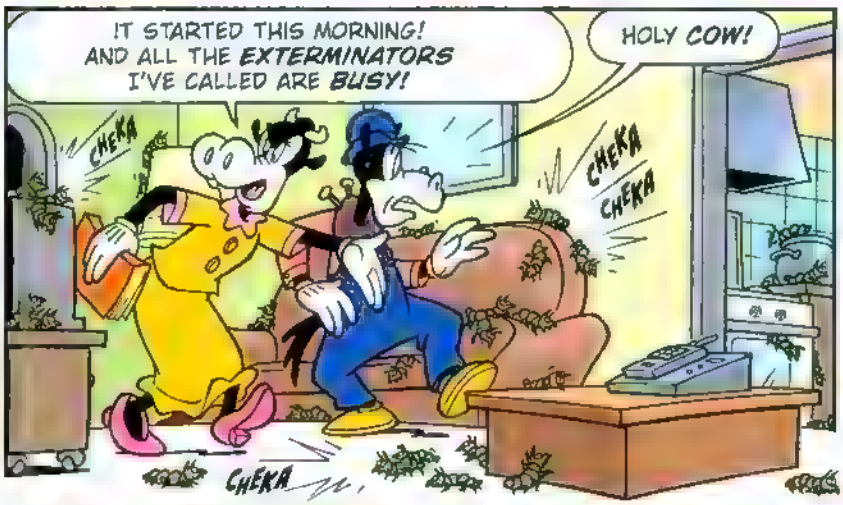

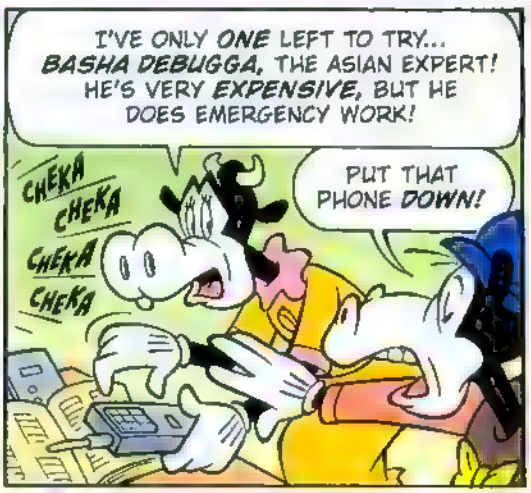
I'VE ONLY ONE LEFT TO TRY... BASHA DEBUGGA, THE ASIAN EXPERT! HE'S VERY EXPENSIVE, BUT HE DOES EMERGENCY WORK!
PUT THAT PHONE DOWN!
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
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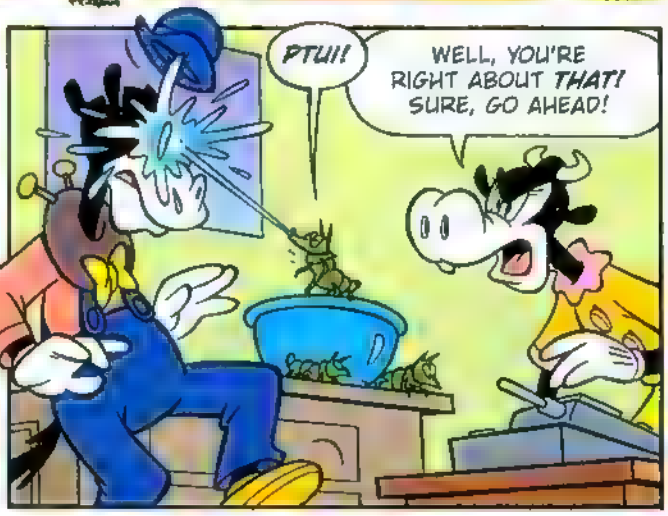

FIRST STEP... GOT A TAPE RECORDER?
YES! SURE! WAIT THERE!
SWAT! SWAT!
BY THE WAY, TRY TO AVOID SQUISHING THE BUGS! IT RAISES AN AWFUL STINK!
=GACK!= I SEE! =RETCH!=
BUT I WON'T NEED TO SQUISH ONCE I'VE RECORDED THAT AWFUL NOISE THEY MAKE...
CHEKA CHEKA CHEKA CHEKA
...AND PLAYED IT BACK TO THEM AT TOP VOLUME!
CHEKA CHEKA CHEKA CHEKA
THEY'LL THINK IT'S A WAR PARTY, AND HEAD FOR THE HILLS!
CHEKA CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
BUT WHAT IF THEY THINK IT'S A MATING CALL, HORACE?
ER... THERE IS THAT POSSIBILITY, ISN'T THERE?
CHEKA CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
I'M CALLING BASHA DEBUGGA!
PTUI!
=URK!= WAIT A MINUTE, SNOOKUMS!

WHY?
I'VE GOT A NEW PLAN! THESE BUGS HAVE A LOT OF MOISTURE IN THEIR BODIES! SOME BIG WATER SOURCE MUST BE WHAT ATTRACTS THEM TO YOUR PROPERTY!
CHEKA
CHEKA
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CHEKA
I CAN GET RID OF THE BUGS IF I FIND THE WATER SOURCE!
THAT'S EASY!
IT'S THAT FAROFFISTANI SODDENGRASS YOU TALKED ME INTO PLANTING OUTSIDE! I HAVE TO WATER IT CONSTANTLY!
BUT MY LAWN AT HOME IS SODDENGRASS TOO! WHY DON'T I HAVE BUGS?
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
BECAUSE YOU NEVER WATER YOUR LAWN!
SO... ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS STOP WATERING YOURS!
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
YEP! IT'S ALL THIS WATER-LOGGED SODDENGRASS TO EAT THAT ATTRACTS THE BUGS! TURN OFF THE WATER, AND THEY'LL BE IN TROUBLE!
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
I'LL WATCH SOME TV WHILE I WAIT FOR THEM TO -HEH-HEH!- DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY!
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
LATER...
NEWS BULLETIN! THE SAME THINGS HAPPENED TODAY AS YESTERDAY, BUT TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE...
PTUI!
PTUI!
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA

LATER STILL...
...HOSTILE FORCES ADVANCED... OR RETREATED, DEPENDING ON YOUR POINT OF VIEW...
HORACE!
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
WHAT IS IT, SNOOKUMS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
CHEKA
CHEKA
ER, UH...DOES IT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS WATER ALL OVER THE FLOOR?
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
@#$%!! WOMEN! NOT ONLY DOES SHE THINK THE BUGS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS PLUMBING DISASTER...
PTUI!
PTUI!
...SHE BLAMES ME 'CAUSE I TURNED OFF THE SPRINKLER!
BUT WHAT COULD... =UH-OH!= THIS LEADS TO THE BASEMENT!
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
=EEP!= A BUG-GNAWED HOLE! GUESS THEY DIDN'T LIKE HAVING THE SPRINKLER SHUT OFF!

OKAY, SNOOKUMS! YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT...
UH-OH! NOW WHAT?
=EEEK! YEEK!=
CHEKA CHEKA
CHEKA CHEKA
THE FLOOR BUCKLING FROM THE FLOOD, EH? =GULP!= NO NEED TO PANIC, MY DEAR!
=SCREEEEECH!= GIVE ME THE PHONE!
I'M CALLING BASHA DEBUGGA! THEN I'M CALLING A PLUMBER, A CARPENTER AND A BOUNCER!
BOUNCER?! WHAT DO YOU NEED A BOUNCER FOR?
CHEKA CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
YOU MEAN, WHO DO I NEED HIM FOR, MY DEAR!
=GULP!=
GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE! I'LL CONSULT MY COLLEAGUES AT DRYUPP UNIVERSITY'S BUGOLOGY DEPARTMENT!
YOU HAVE COLLEAGUES IN BUGOLOGY?
CHEKA CHEKA
CHEKA CHEKA
SURE! AND THEY HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR MY KNOWLEDGE!
THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID WHEN I FIXED THEIR VAN!
CHEKA CHEKA
CHEKA CHEKA
SHORTLY...
ANY IDEA WHAT THIS IS?
=GASP!= BUGGUS BUCK!!! IT STILL EXISTS?!

DID SOMEONE SAY BUGGUS BUCK!!?!!
LET ME SEE! LET ME SEE!
ME FIRST!
-:HMPH!:- JUST TELL ME HOW TO GET RID OF THEM!
I MEAN...UM, UH, THAT IS...
A VERY SHORT TIME LATER...
WHAT A BOON TO SCIENCE!
CHEKA
MY CAREER IS MADE!
I'VE SEEN BUGGUS BUCK!!! I CAN DIE HAPPY!
CHEKA
CHEKA
CHEKA
PTUI!
-:GASP!:- HITHERTO-UNOBSERVED BEHAVIOR!
THE BUGS MUST REALLY LIKE HIM!
WHO CARES?!! WHEN ARE YOU GONNA EXTERMINATE THEM?
EXTERMINATE?!
OH, WE CAN'T DO THAT...
...BUGGUS BUCK!! IS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES!
CHEKA
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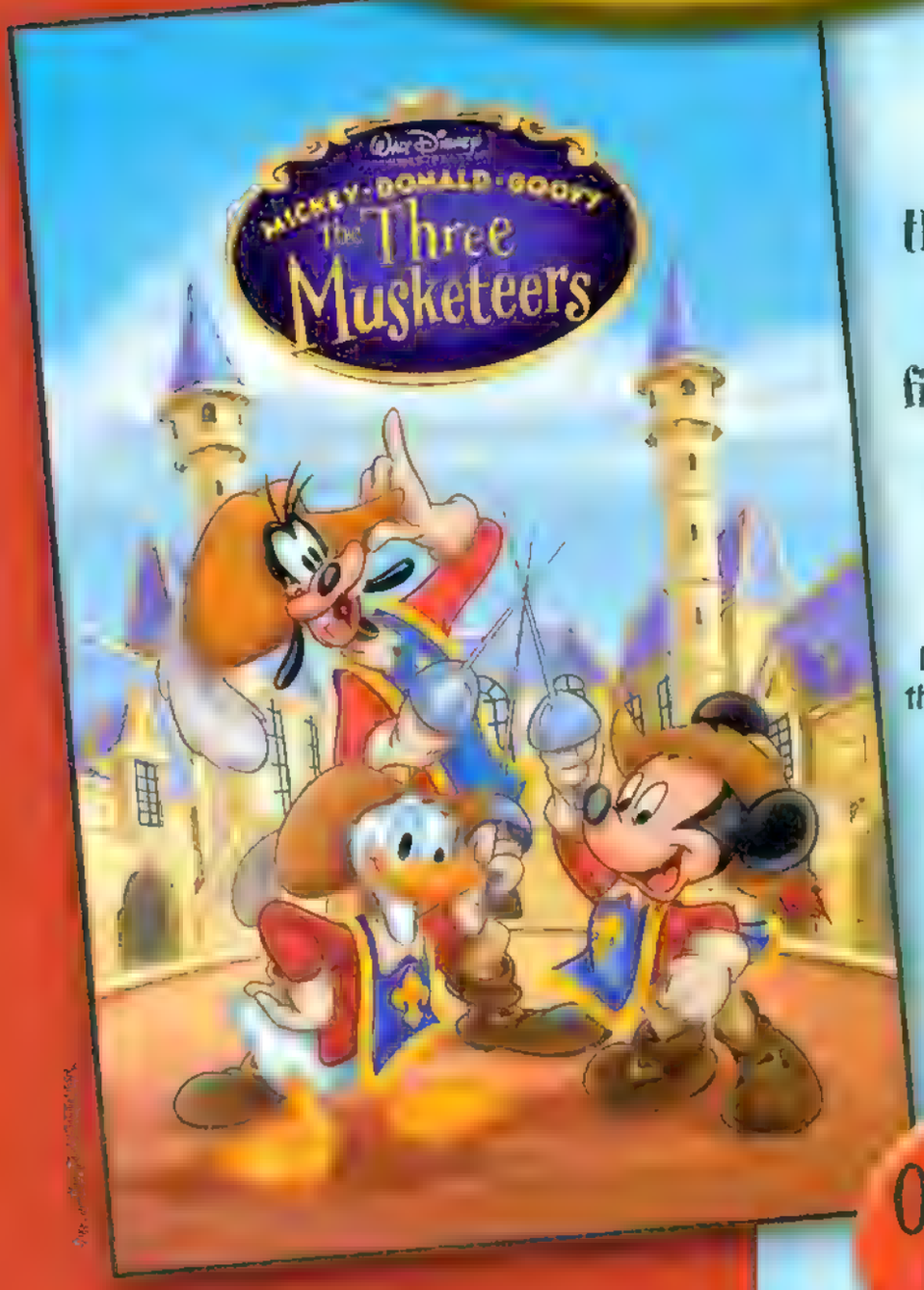
One for all and all for fun with Disney



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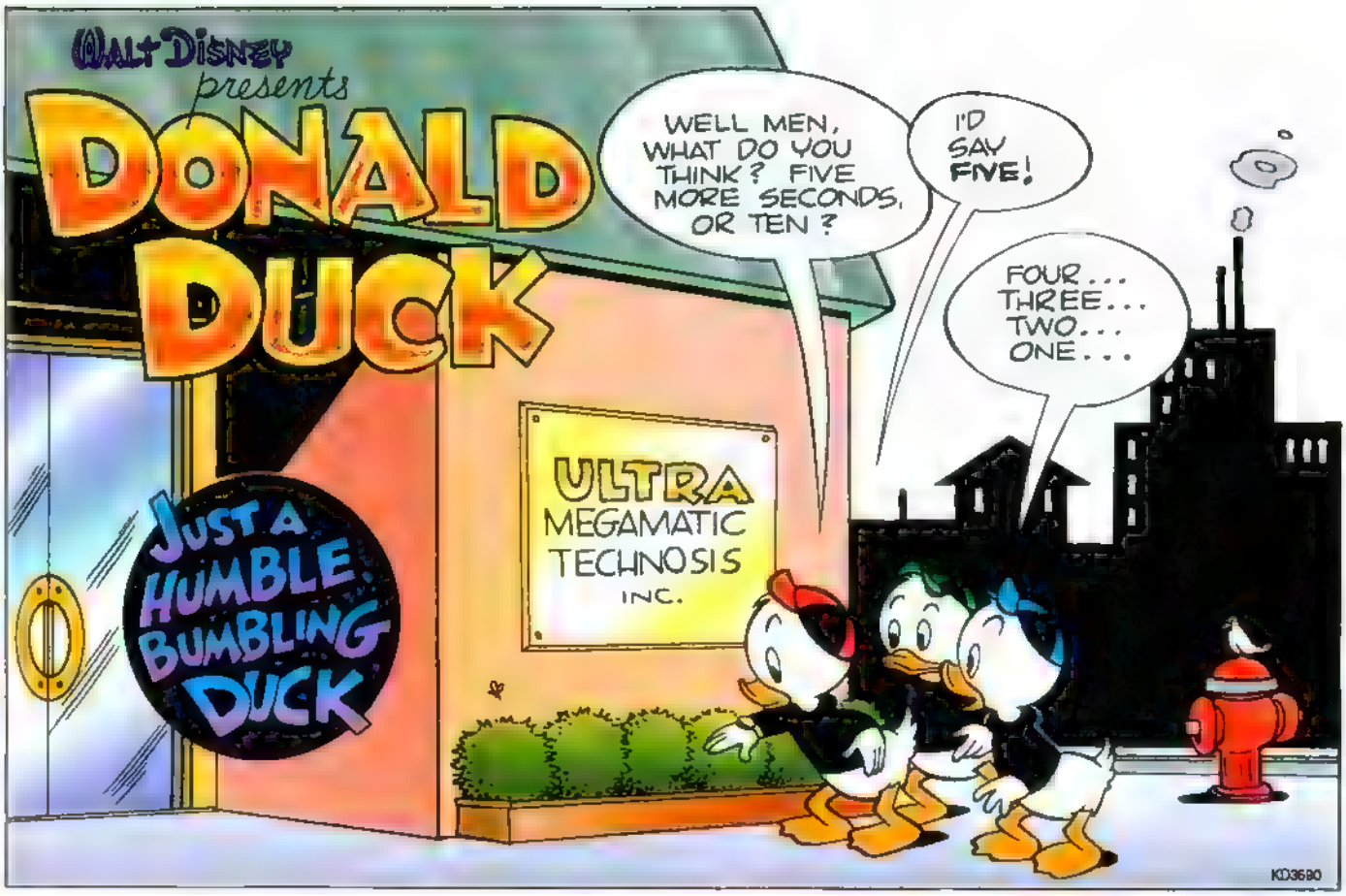
I WORK WITH THE UNITED NATIONS' DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL BUSY-BODINESS! WE'VE DECREED THESE STERLING EXAMPLES OF GLORIOUS INSECTHOOD MUST BE NURTURED, NOT EXTERMINATED!
WHAT?!
NURTURE THEM AT YOUR HOUSE! I JUST WANT THEM OUT OF MINE!
IMPOSSIBLE! THEY EAT ONLY MOISTENED FAROFFISTANI SODDENGRASS, WHICH GROWS NOWHERE ELSE IN THIS STATE!
PERHAPS NOT MOISTENED! BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING!
CHEKA
-PSSST-PST-BZZZZ!-
-ULP!-
HE'LL HAVE TO WATER IT SEVEN TIMES A DAY!
HE WILL!
AND THE BUGS COULD BE HARMED IF HE MOVES THEM ALL AT ONCE! HE MUST TRANSPORT THEM ONE AT A TIME!
SO, FAR INTO THE NIGHT...
ONLY 17,523 TRIPS TO GO!
I WONDER WHAT BASHA DEBUGGA CHARGES FOR VIOLATING U. N. DECREES!
PTUI!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WELL MEN, WHAT DO YOU THINK? FIVE MORE SECONDS, OR TEN?
I'D SAY FIVE!
FOUR... THREE... TWO... ONE...
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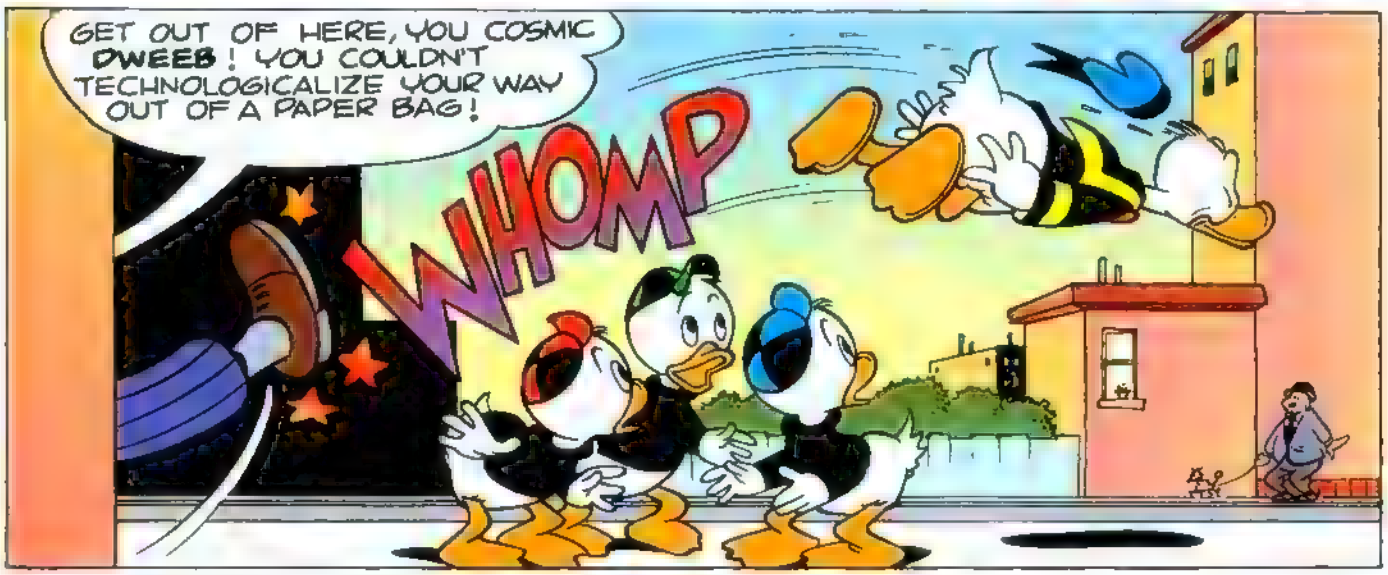
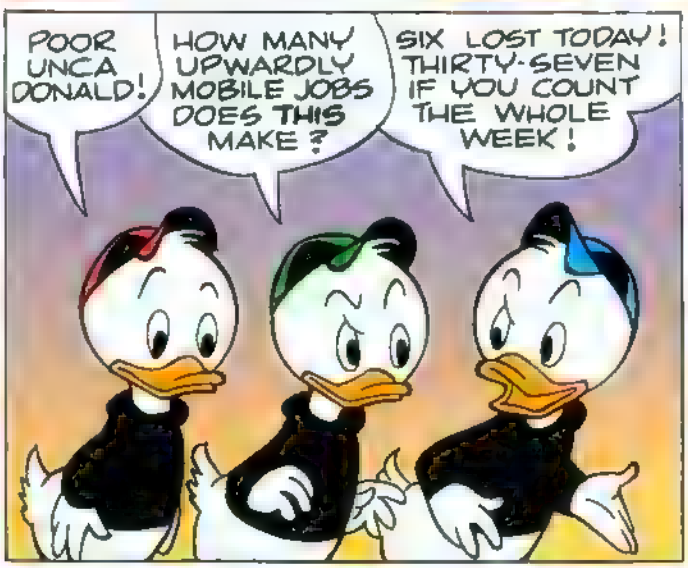
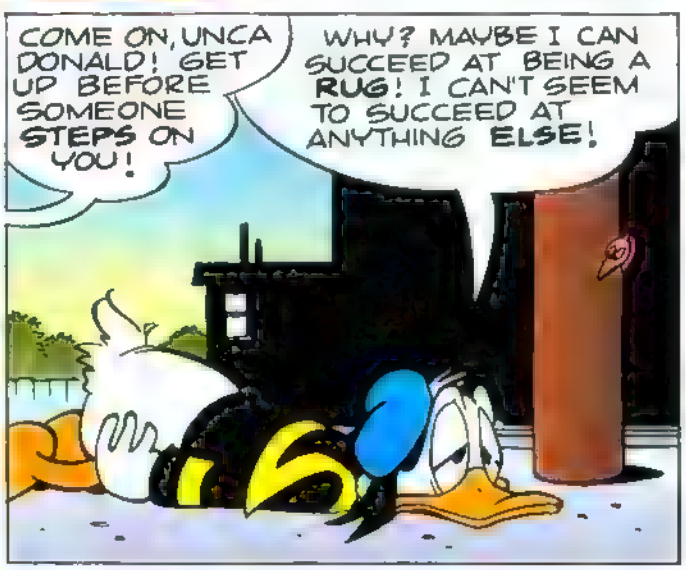
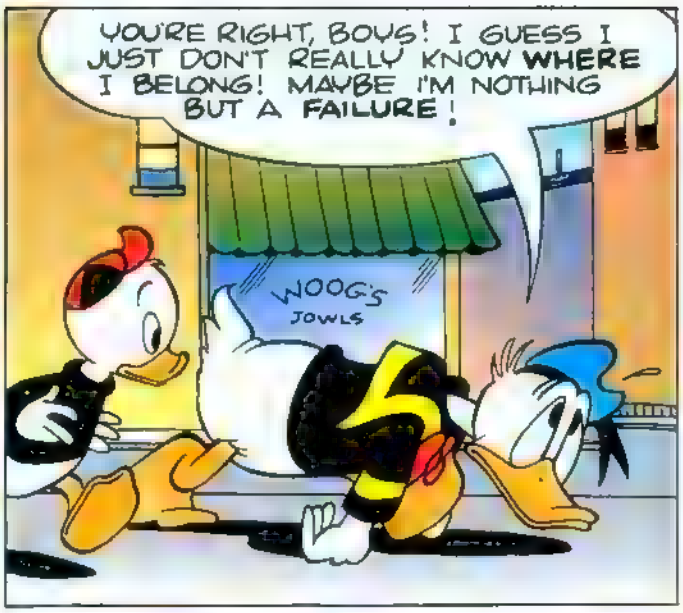
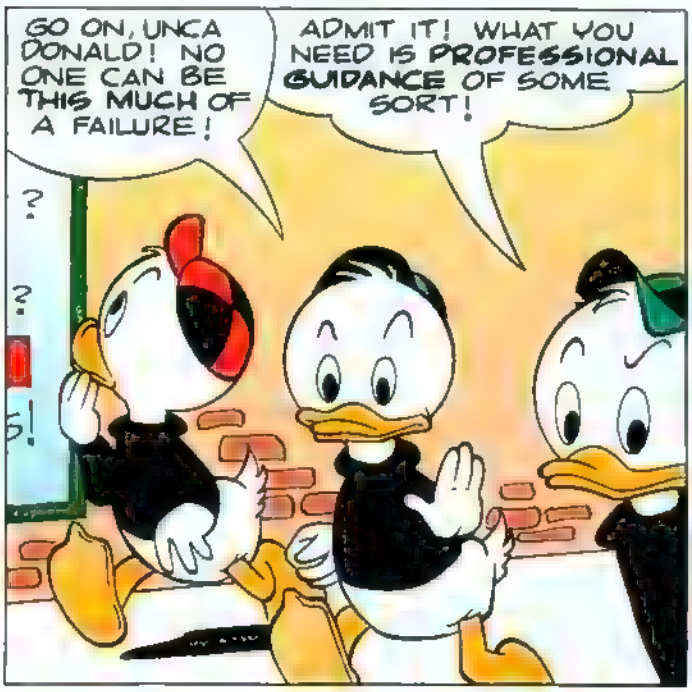
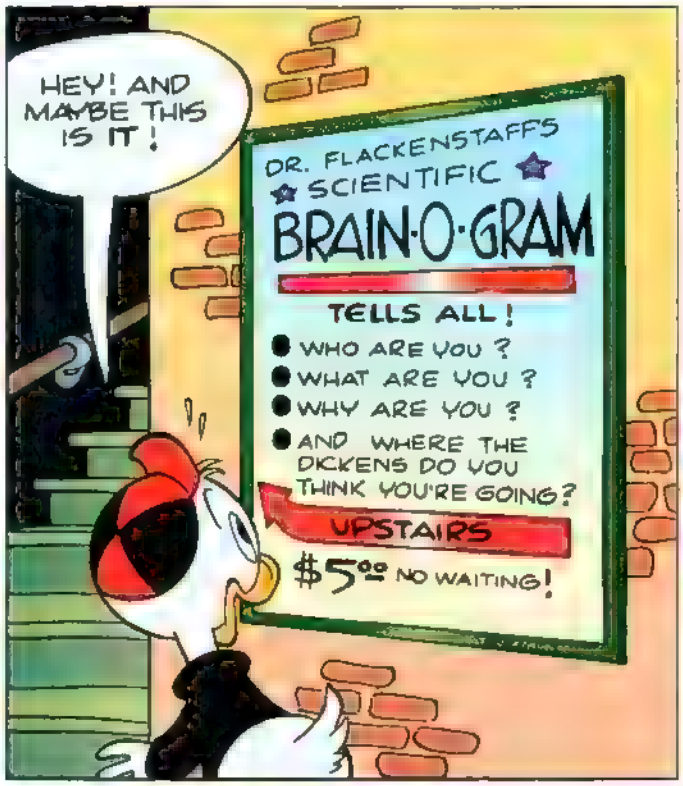

GET OUT OF HERE, YOU COSMIC DWEEB! YOU COULDN'T TECHNOLOGICALIZE YOUR WAY OUT OF A PAPER BAG!
WHOMP


POOR UNCA DONALD!
HOW MANY UPWARDLY MOBILE JOBS DOES THIS MAKE?
SIX LOST TODAY! THIRTY-SEVEN IF YOU COUNT THE WHOLE WEEK!

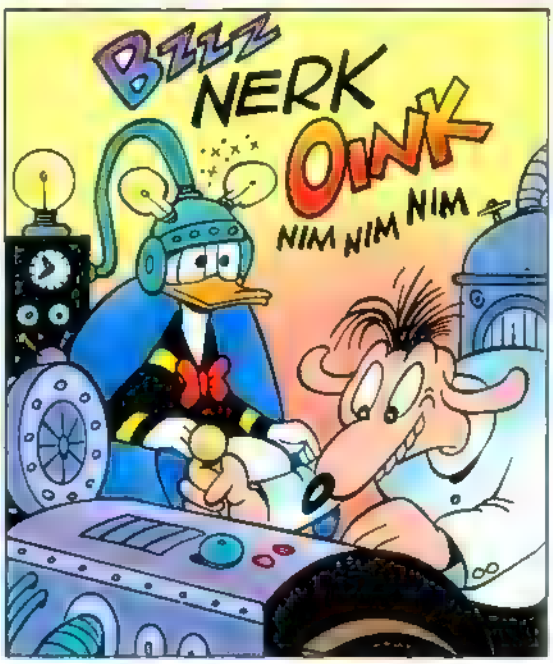

COME ON, UNCA DONALD! GET UP BEFORE SOMEONE STEPS ON YOU!
WHY? MAYBE I CAN SUCCEED AT BEING A RUG! I CAN'T SEEM TO SUCCEED AT ANYTHING ELSE!





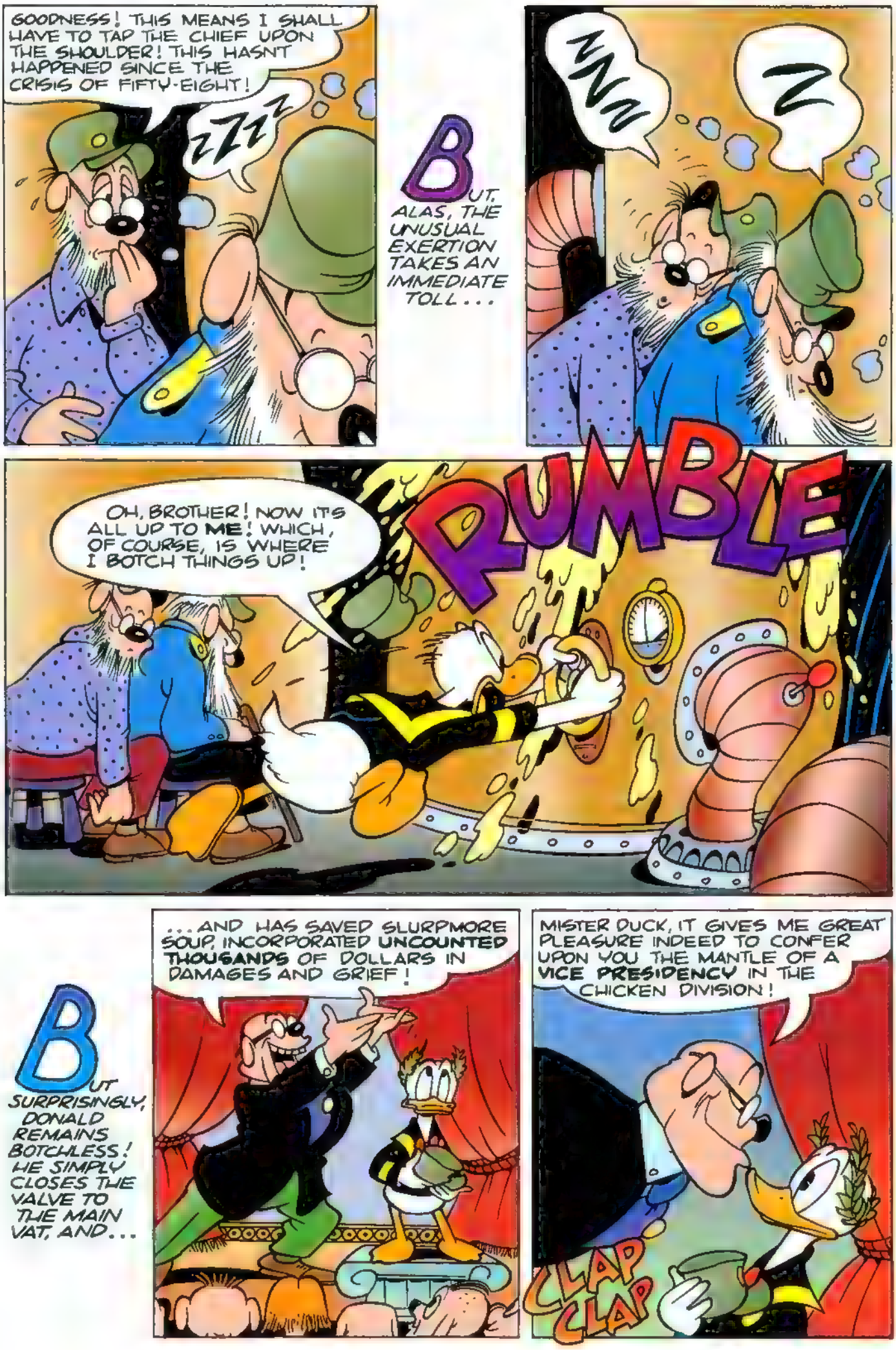


DONALD IS DULY CLAMPED INTO AN AWESOMELY SCIENTIFIC CONTRAPTION WHICH PROMPTLY MAKES ALL OF THE OBLIGATORY NOISES...



AND IN MERE MINUTES ISSUES FORTH ITS FINAL VERDICT...
WELL, DOC, WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE? AM I HIGH CALIBER STUFF, AFTER ALL? A LATENT MOVER AND SHAKER? OR WHAT?
I'M SORRY, MISTER DUCK! BUT I'M AFRAID YOU FALL RATHER SQUARELY INTO THE "OR WHAT" CATEGORY!
MEANING?
MEANING, YOUNG MAN, THAT ACCORDING TO THESE RESULTS, YOUR UNCLE IS ONLY FIT TO HOLD THE LOWLIEST JOBS OF THE LOW!
MISTER DUCK, IT PAINS ME TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT THE ONLY THING YOU'LL EVER SUCCEED AT IS BEING ESSENTIALLY NOTHING MUCH!
THAT'LL BE FIVE BUCKS, PLEASE!
THUS DOES AN ODYSSEY OF LOWLINESS COMMENCE,
DUCK, YOU ARE NOW A VALVE OGLER THIRD CLASS, CHICKEN DIVISION! ANY QUESTIONS?
SLURPMORE SOUP INC.
YES, SIR! ARE YOU SURE THIS JOB IS THE LOWLIEST HERE AT SLURPMORE SOUP?
DUCK, NO JOB COULD POSSIBLY BE LOWER!

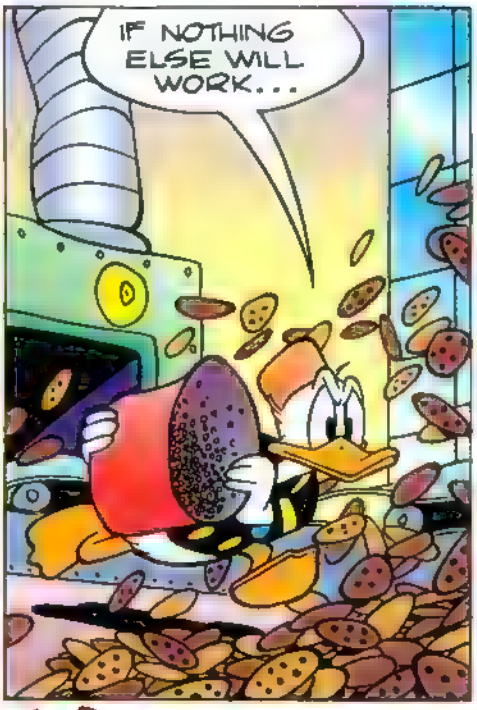
YOUR ONLY DUTY IS TO WATCH THE ASSISTANT VALVE OGLER WATCH THE CHIEF OGLER WATCH!
IF THE PRESSURE BUILDS UP DANGEROUSLY IN THE VATS – AN EVENT THAT HAS NOT OCCURED IN THE CHICKEN DIVISION IN OVER THIRTY YEARS –
–THAT VALVE MUST BE SHUT IMMEDIATELY, OR THERE WILL BE AN EXPLOSION WITH CONSEQUENCES TOO AWESOME TO BELIEVE! GOT IT?
YES, SIR!
VALVE 10
NOTHING'S HAPPENED IN OVER THIRTY YEARS! NO WONDER THE CHIEF IS ASLEEP!
ZZZZZZ
I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO WORRY ABOUT! I'LL PROBABLY BE IN DREAMLAND MYSELF BEFORE VERY–
RUMBLE
POK
POK
WAK! THE GAUGE SHOWS THAT THE PRESSURE IN THE VAT IS RISING FAST!

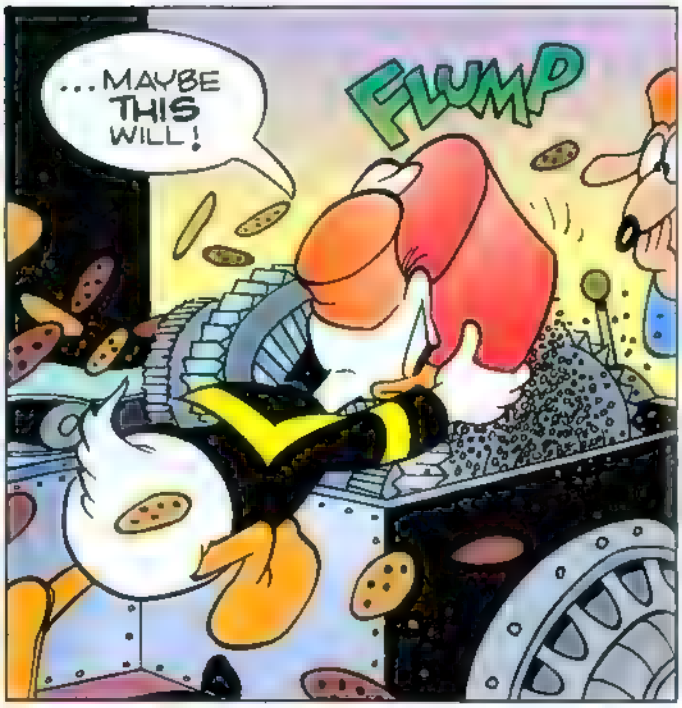

GOODNESS! THIS MEANS I SHALL HAVE TO TAP THE CHIEF UPON THE SHOULDER! THIS HASN'T HAPPENED SINCE THE CRISIS OF FIFTY-EIGHT!
ZZZZ
BUT, ALAS, THE UNUSUAL EXERTION TAKES AN IMMEDIATE TOLL...
NNN
Z
RUMBLE
OH, BROTHER! NOW IT'S ALL UP TO ME! WHICH, OF COURSE, IS WHERE I BOTCH THINGS UP!
BUT SURPRISINGLY, DONALD REMAINS BOTCHLESS! HE SIMPLY CLOSES THE VALVE TO THE MAIN VAT, AND...
...AND HAS SAVED SLURPMORE SOUP, INCORPORATED UNCOUNTED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGES AND GRIEF!
MISTER DUCK, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE INDEED TO CONFER UPON YOU THE MANTLE OF A VICE PRESIDENCY IN THE CHICKEN DIVISION!
CLAP CLAP

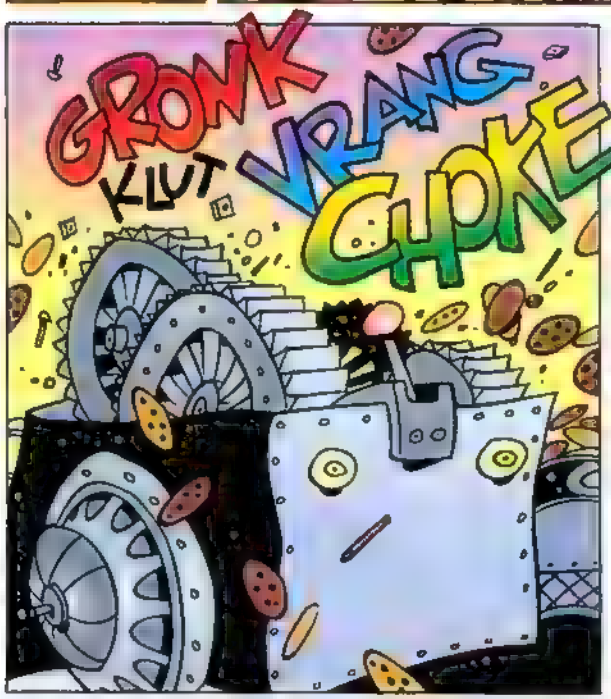
ER, MISTER SLURPMORE, SIR, COULDN'T I, AH... COULDN'T I JUST STAY ON AS A VALVE OGLER THIRD CLASS?
NONSENSE, MY BOY! YOU'RE OVERQUALIFIED FOR SO LOWLY A JOB!
IT'S EITHER THE VICE PRESIDENCY, MISTER DUCK, OR YOU'RE HISTORY AROUND HERE!
AND SO...
THE HECK WITH SOUP! NO DOGGONE BUREAUCRAT IS GOING TO FORCE ME TO RISE ABOVE THE PACK!
NOT WHEN I CAN BE A PERFECT NONENTITY AT THE COOKIE WORKS!
DUCKBURG COOKIE WORKS
WHICH, AS AN APPRENTICE CRUMB WIPER FIFTH CLASS, IS JUST WHAT DONALD BECOMES!
YOUR WHISKBROOM, DUCK, AND YOUR BASKET! AND REMEMBER OUR MOTTO: "NOTHING BUT COOKIES - NOT A CRUMB IN THE BOX"!
YES, SIR!
NOW GET YOUR LOWLY SELF OVER TO THAT CONVEYOR BELT, DUCK! AND DON'T LET A SINGLE CRUMB BESMIRCH OUR RIGHTEOUS STANDARDS!
YES, SIR!

NOT A CHANCE OF GOING ANYWHERE WITH A JOB LIKE THIS! IF ANYTHING, I'LL MOST LIKELY BE THE FIRST CRUMB WIPER IN EIGHTY YEARS TO MISS A CRUMB!
HMM! IS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION, OR IS THE BELT BEGINNING TO SPEED UP?
CRIMINEY! IT IS SPEEDING UP! SIXTEEN CRUMBS JUST MADE AN END RUN BREAKTHROUGH!
HEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM OVER HERE? A HYPER-ACTIVE OCTOPUS? SLOW THIS THING DOWN!
THUNDERING SHORTBREAD! IT'S A RUNAWAY GEAR BOX!
WELL, DO SOMETHING! THESE COOKIES ARE GOING CRAZY!
NGH! I'M TRYING, BUT IT WON'T GEAR DOWN! AND WHAT'S WORSE, THE POWER SHUT-OFF LEVER IS JAMMED!
VRONK

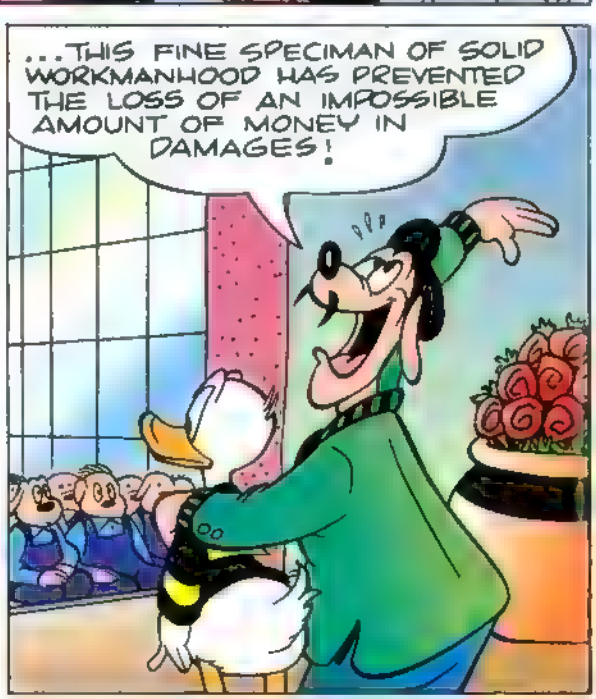
THE FATE OF SIXTY MILLION LOVINGLY CRAFTED AND COMPLETELY BLAMELESS COOKIES HANGS IN THE BALANCE! AND THEN...

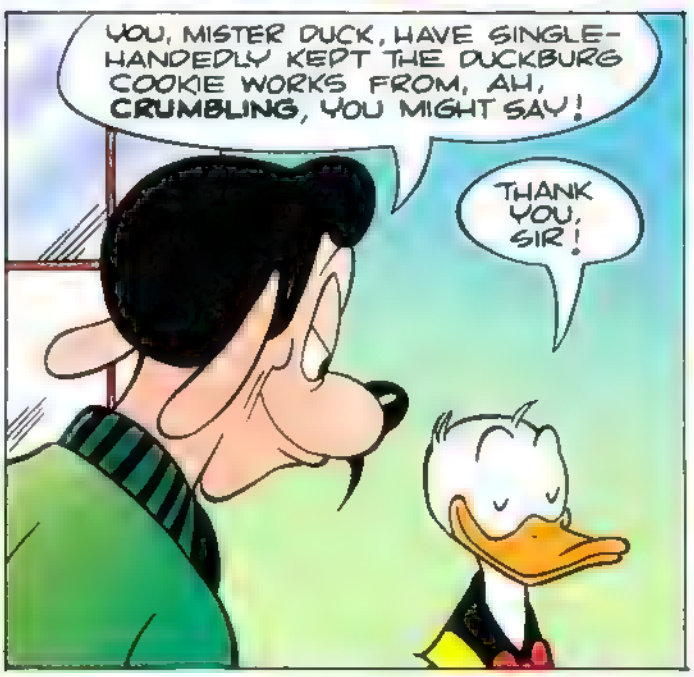


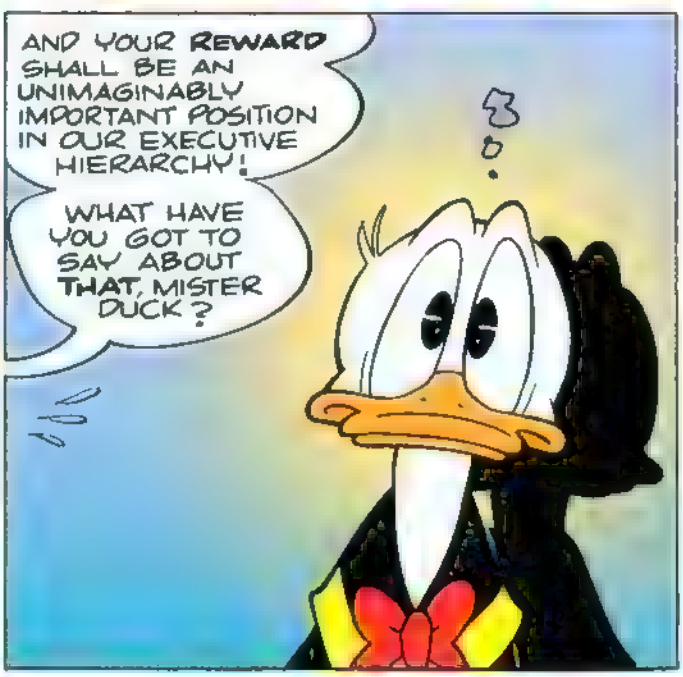




ONCE AGAIN DONALD SAVES THE DAY! AND ONCE AGAIN...

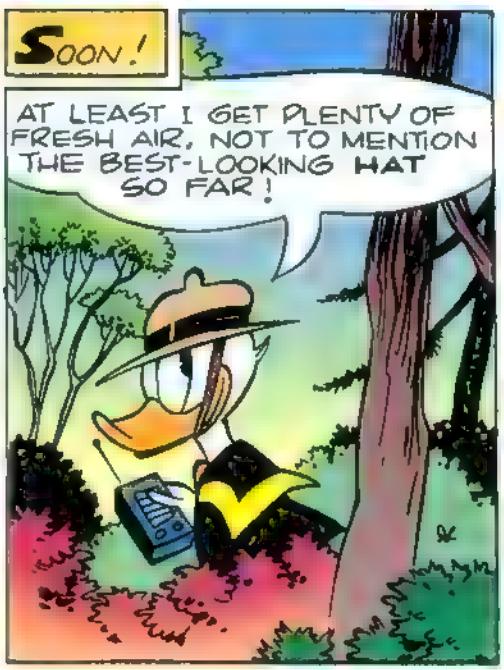


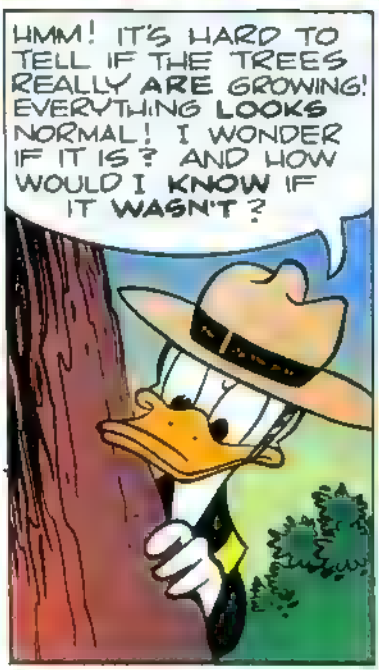


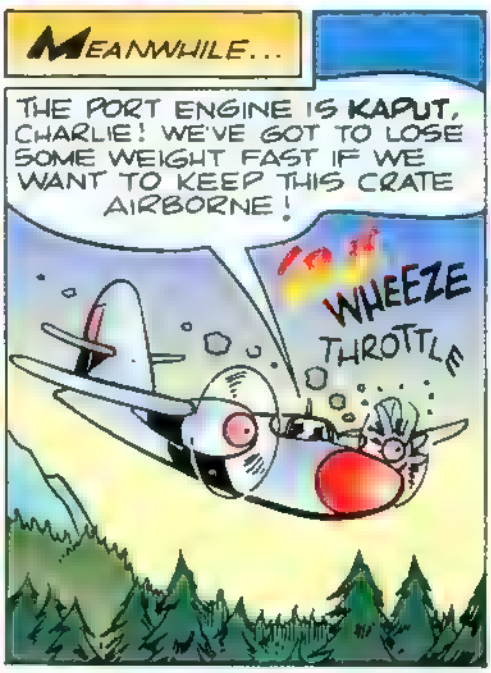

AND YOUR REWARD SHALL BE AN UNIMAGINABLY IMPORTANT POSITION IN OUR EXECUTIVE HIERARCHY!
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY ABOUT THAT, MISTER DUCK?

DONALD HAS HIS SAY, AND VERY SOON THEREAFTER HE IS BACK POUNDING THE PAVEMENT...

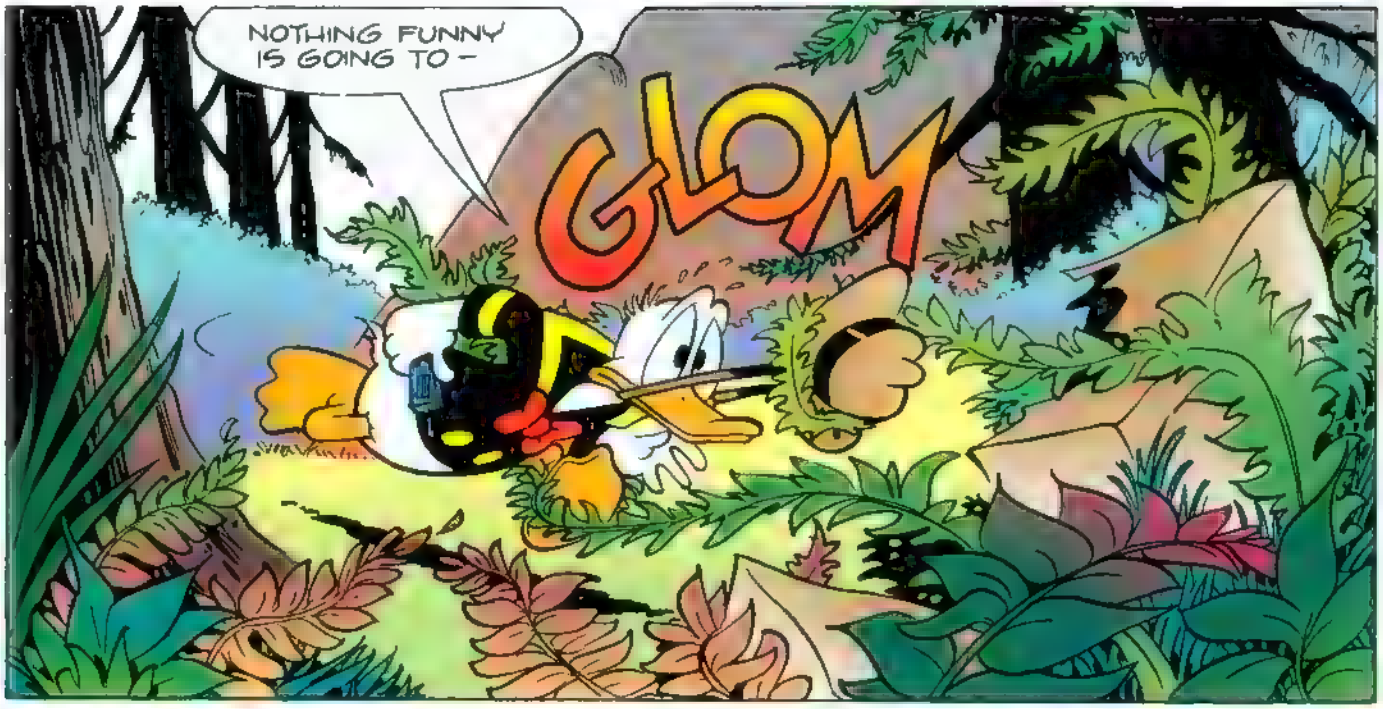
IN A NUTSHELL, IT IS YOUR DUTY TO WATCH THE TREES IN ALPHA SECTOR AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE **GROWING**!
DOES MY POSITION HAVE A **RATING**, SIR?

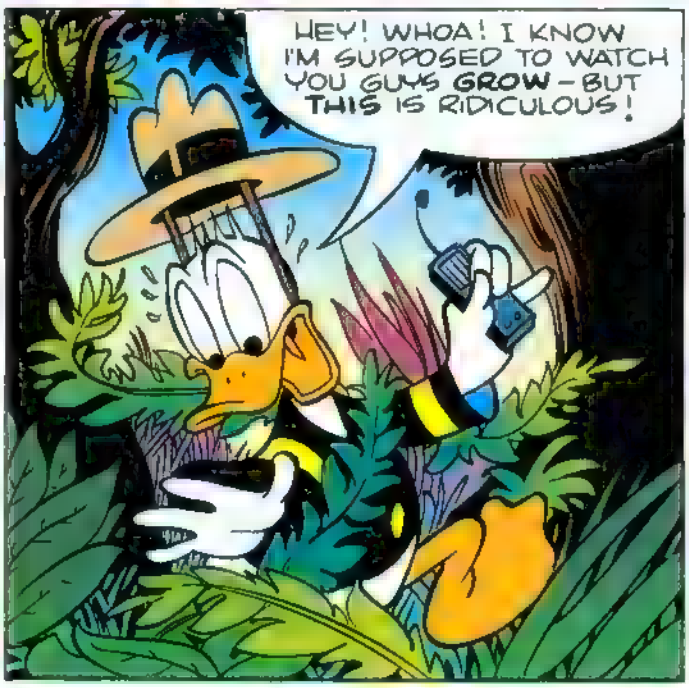


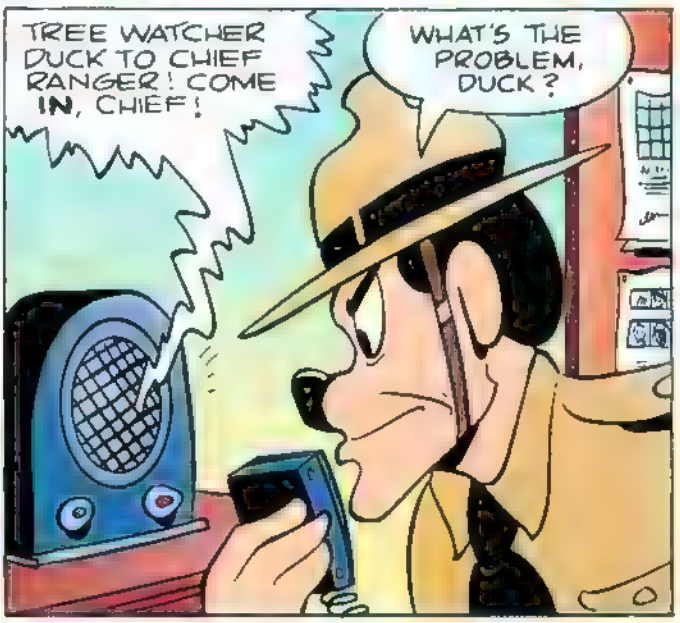

HMM! IT'S HARD TO TELL IF THE TREES REALLY **ARE** GROWING! EVERYTHING **LOOKS** NORMAL! I WONDER IF IT IS? AND HOW WOULD I **KNOW** IF IT **WASN'T**?


MEANWHILE...
THE PORT ENGINE IS **KAPUT**, CHARLIE! WE'VE GOT TO LOSE SOME WEIGHT FAST IF WE WANT TO KEEP THIS CRATE AIRBORNE!
WHEEZE
THROTTLE

YOU MEAN THE CARGO, SIR?
UNLESS YOUR PET ELEPHANT IS ON BOARD, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN!
NO BUTS, CHARLIE! DUMP IT!
BUT, SIR...
WELL, THERE GOES TWELVE HUNDRED POUNDS OF EXPERIMENTAL GROWTH CHEMICALS! I'D BETTER RADIO A REPORT ON THIS PRONTO!
DANGER CHEMICALS
WHILE BELOW...
WHEW! I HAD NO IDEA THE FOREST COULD BE SO HOT AND HUMID - AND BORING! IT ALMOST MAKES ME WISH THAT SOMETHING WOULD...
CRACK CLATTER
DANGER CHEMICALS
SPLOOSH
AHA! SOME ACTION AT LAST! SOUNDS LIKE A WOUNDED ROCK BAND!
RUSTLE WRITHE

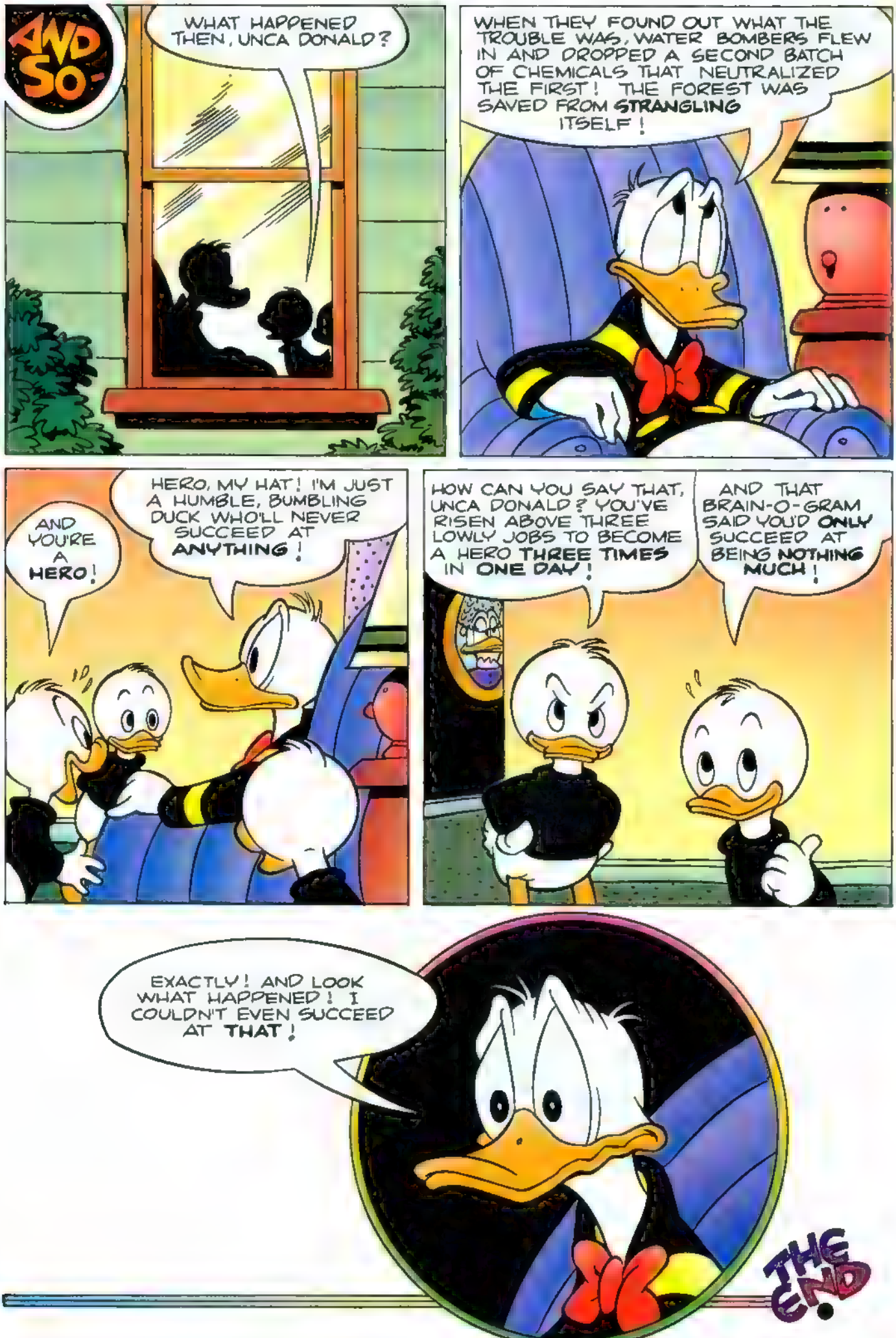

NOTHING FUNNY IS GOING TO –
GLOM


HEY! WHOA! I KNOW I'M SUPPOSED TO WATCH YOU GUYS GROW – BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!


TREE WATCHER DUCK TO CHIEF RANGER! COME IN, CHIEF!
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, DUCK?

EMERGENCY IN ALPHA SECTOR! THERE'RE BROKEN BOXES OF CHEMICALS STREWN ABOUT AND THE TREES HAVE GONE LOCO!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, LOCO?

THEY'RE CHASING ME, FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!


AND SO-
WHAT HAPPENED THEN, UNCA DONALD?
WHEN THEY FOUND OUT WHAT THE TROUBLE WAS, WATER BOMBERS FLEW IN AND DROPPED A SECOND BATCH OF CHEMICALS THAT NEUTRALIZED THE FIRST! THE FOREST WAS SAVED FROM STRANGLING ITSELF!
AND YOU'RE A HERO!
HERO, MY HAT! I'M JUST A HUMBLE, BUMBLING DUCK WHO'LL NEVER SUCCEED AT ANYTHING!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT, UNCA DONALD? YOU'VE RISEN ABOVE THREE LOWLY JOBS TO BECOME A HERO THREE TIMES IN ONE DAY!
AND THAT BRAIN-O-GRAM SAID YOU'D ONLY SUCCEED AT BEING NOTHING MUCH!
EXACTLY! AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED! I COULDN'T EVEN SUCCEED AT THAT!
THE END!

Walt Disney's PLUTO in

Pluto's Christmas Tree

PLUTO BOUNCES IN THE SNOW, AS HAPPY AS CAN BE, ALL 'CAUSE HE AND MICKEY ARE ABOUT TO GET THEIR TREE!
OKAY, PLUTO! LET'S GET OUT THERE AND CHOP DOWN A GOOD ONE!
WOOF!
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PLONK!
GRRRRWOOF?!
LOOK! I'M A MUTT! GRRRRWOOF!
HA, HA, HA! YOU'RE PRICELESS!
snipp!
snipp!
GRUFF?!! BOWOWOW!
sniff!
sniff!
DOWN, BOY! WE'VE GOT COMPANY!
ARF! BOW WOWWOW!
YIKES! MAYBE THAT WASN'T SUCH A GREAT IDEA!
PLUTO! WHERE ARE YOU, BOY?
QUICK! BETTER HIDE!
HE'LL NEVER FIND US IN HERE!
THERE YOU ARE! FOUND ANY GOOD TREES YET?
JEEPERS!
HOW ABOUT THIS ONE? AIN'T IT A BEAUTY?
THIS'LL LOOK GREAT IN OUR LIVING ROOM!

LET'S HEAD ON HOME AND DECORATE, BOY!
WOOF!
LATER—
YOU'RE A GREAT HELP, PLUTO! THANKS!
DALE, WAKE UP!!
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
AMAZING! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING QUITE LIKE IT?
NOPE! THIS STUFF IS THE GREATEST!
I SURE WOULDN'T MIND STAYING HERE A WHILE!
Slurp!
Slurp!
AND I SURE WOULDN'T MIND LIVING HERE PERMANENTLY!

WELL, PLUTO, THAT'S IT! GREAT, HUH?
I'LL GO AND START DINNER...
WOOF!
?
blink!
blink!
blink!
blink!
blink!
blink!
sniff!
sniff!
LOOK! WHEN I TWIST ONE OF THESE, THE LIGHTS GO ON AND OFF!
I WANNA TRY TOO!
sniff!
sniff!
SQUEAK!
SQUEAK!
UMMMPH! TURN, WILL YA!
-GULP!- HELLO... AGAIN...
GRRRRR!
BETTER LEAVE HIS NOSE ALONE OR HE'LL PUT YOUR LIGHTS OUT!
SWISH!

BOWWOWWOW WOWWOW!
BOWWOWWOW TO YOU TOO, PAL! CATCH THIS!
CAN YOU CATCH TWO?
OR THREE?
PLOP!
YOU'RE A HOPELESS CLOWN, PLUTO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WOOF FUFUF FUF WOOF! WOOF!
DON'T YOU THINK THESE LOOK BETTER ON THE TREE?
TRY AND BEHAVE, OKAY? I'LL PLAY WITH YOU LATER!
RATTLE!
DA-DEE-DUM!
DA-DEE-DUM! DA-DA-DAA-DA-DAA!*
*JINGLE BELLS
HIHIHIHI! GRR!
DAA-DEE-DAA-A-A-A-AH!!!
SNAP!

WOOAFF?!?!
SLIP!
ARF! -=WHIMPER!=-
DONK!
RUFF? WOOF?
BOWOW! BOWOWOWOWOW! WOOF!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YOU WANT ME TO LIGHT THE SANTA CANDLES? OKAY, SETTLE DOWN, PLUTO!
I'LL LIGHT THEM FOR YA!
PUFF!
HEY! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THESE MATCHES?
THERE YOU GO! ALL LIT! SATISFIED?
ARF! ARF! ARF! WOOF! AGRRRR! GRUFF!
YES! BEAUTIFUL, AREN'T THEY!
SIZZLE!

WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE TREE!
!
WOOF! ARF! ARF! ARF!
THE SOONER THE BETTER!
HURRY! HE WON'T FOLLOW US IN...
THUMP!
...HERE!
RUMBLE!
PLUTO?! WHAT ON EARTH...
STOP THAT AT ONCE! GET OUT OF THERE!
WUMPH!
OH, YOU DUMB MUTT! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!
JUST LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO OUR TREE!
I... I...

WHY, PLUTO! WE'VE GOT CHIPMUNKS IN OUR TREE!
CUTE LITTLE FELLERS, AREN'T THEY?
SLAP!
=WHIMPER! WHINE!=
ARF! ARF! ARF! ARF! WARF!
OH, STOP THAT! THAT'S NO WAY TO BEHAVE!
ESPECIALLY NOT AT CHRISTMAS!
DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY!
AAAAH! DOESN'T THAT SOUND BEAUTIFUL, PLUTO?
FA LA LA LA LAA, LA LA LA LAA!
WOUUOO WOUUWOWWOU WAH UUUUUUU...
=GASP!=
WOUU...UMPH?
SPLOT!
TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY, FA LA LA LA LAA, LA LA LA LAA!
DO NOT OPEN TIL XMAS

"Yipp-ee-i-kye-yay!" Using two western Donald stories in *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* 647 was a good move for this issue, making a small theme uncommon in comics. "Riding Deranged" was a good story, as usual for Van Horn, but seeing Barks' "Limber W Guest Ranch" for the first time was a real treat. I can't wait to see more of the early Barks classics, as those stories tend to be my favorites!

The third Duck story, "Money Like Water," was also very good, hopefully we can see more stories by Gulbransson in the future. Petrucha's "Pin-Top PC" was one of the better contemporary Mouse stories Gemstone has published. Of course, I usually tend to like anything with Eega Beeva!

I tend to not care for Daisy or nephew stories, so I didn't care much for "Pure Inspiration," though the art, as usual, was very good. A problem that I frequently see though, is with the contemporary Wolf stories you publish. It seems that whenever it is a good script, like with "Confidence Booster," the art tends to be lackluster. But when the art is good (like in *WDC&S* 645), the story tends to be dull. Hopefully we will see more of the classic 1940s stories soon.

—Thad Komorowski
via email

Congratulations on *WDC&S* 647. I think it's one of the best issues you've done so far in. "Pure Inspiration" was a revealation to me. A unique story and well done to boot. It had a surrealism to it, that for some reason, reminded me of "Donald In Mathmagic Land." The two stories, aren't necessarily similiar, but they both have a certain quality that makes them stand out from the crowd. The art was wonderful. Naturally, being based on classic art, it had a good base to start from, but Vicar really took advantage of those masterpieces to do a new spin on them while bringing them to life as actual characters. As I was reading the story, the art was so different from what I usually expect, that at first I didn't even know Vicar drew it (though on further review, the look of the nephews themselves should have tipped me off). I think Page 7, Panel 5 is the highlight of the art. Just seeing the nephews set against the "Starry Night" background. Janet Gilbert and Vicar made for a combination that intrigued me in a way that will make "Pure Inspiration" a story I won't soon forget.

While I am typically against reprinting too many old stories (something *WDC&S* 647 can't be accused of) I liked reading Barks' "Limber W Guest Ranch." Another great entry into the Donald Duck western genre of comic stories. While Gemstone certainly can't tailor its reprint policy to one person or group, I like the trend of reprinting some of Barks' earliest work and lesser known tales, and I hope it continues as much of his very late 40s–mid 50s output has been reprinted a lot more than his other stories.

In closing, I must mention Evert Geradts' "Money Like Water." That story really goes through the cycles: the always on the lookout for easy money Donald (lottery), the responsible Donald (kids' education), the hypocritical selfish Donald (spending a ton on himself) and then the Donald who finds he didn't really win after all. At the end, I really felt sorry for the poor guy. I think most of us have grand dreams on occasion, only to wake up and realize it was all in our heads.

—Derek Smith
via email

In the spirit of Gilbert and Vicar's "Pure Inspiration," how better to describe the contents of *WDC&S* 647 than to borrow from the lingo of art criticism. If this issue wasn't an eclectic mixture of diverse thematic and storytelling styles, then I'm a terminally-addled post-modernist!

Barks' tale of Donald and HD&L's misadventures at the "Limber W Ranch" displays all the rough edges of a comic-book talent still struggling to extricate itself from the built-in limitations of the contemporary Donald Duck short subjects, but the sparks of genius are already clearly on display. William Van Horn's "Riding Deranged," by contrast, displays the relaxed assuredness of a "master in miniature" who has long since shown himself to be the heir to Barks' "ten-pager" mantle. In both tales, Donald has an exaggerated sense of his own competence, but, while the neophyte Barks is still content to let Donald make a fool of himself and let it go at that, the "mature" Bill gives Don a chance to wise up and redeem himself.

In a considerably zanier vein, "Pure Inspiration" is as emblematic an example as I've ever witnessed of the salutary effects of the "American Invasion" on Egmont's output. Gilbert has unquestionably come into her own at Egmont, and this truly bizarre yet oddly compelling effort even trumps her previously reprinted series of quirky Daisy Duck stories, not an easy task. Vicar rises to the occasion and shows off his gift for caricature in his portrayals of the rebellious art.

—Chris Barat
via email

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